



Macao's Implementation of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme for Regulating Rough Diamonds Trade



Macao's Regulations on Import/Export of Rough Diamonds

The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme has been implemented in the Macao SAR since 1 October 2019. Pursuant to Law No. 15/2019 - Law on Implementation of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme for the International Trade in Rough Diamonds and its related regulations:



Operators engaging in economic activities related to rough diamonds must obtain an operating license



Import/Export licenses and Kimberley Process Certificates are required for conducting international trade in rough diamonds



Rough diamonds may only be imported from or exported to participating countries or territories of the Kimberley Process





Regulated Goods

Rough diamonds mean diamonds that are unworked or simply cleaved, sawn, or bruted:

Macao HS Code	710210	710221	710231
Description	 Unsorted rough diamonds	 Industrial rough diamonds	 Non-industrial rough diamonds

Polished diamonds are not within the scope of regulation.

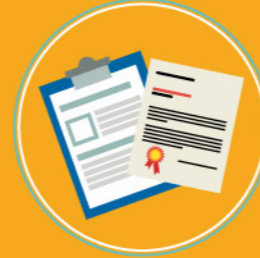


Operating License

An operator engaging in economic activities related to rough diamonds in Macao has to apply for an operating license from the Macao Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSED). An operating license is valid for 2 years, and the operator shall submit complete records pertaining to rough diamonds trade in accordance with the conditions and period required.



Importing Rough Diamonds



Before Importing

- Obtain a Kimberley Process Certificate issued by the exporting country or territory
- Apply for an import license from DSED via EDI
- Make an appointment for clearance with the Customs



Declaration on arrival in Macao

- Present the rough diamonds in sealed packaging and the abovementioned documents at the Red Channel at the border checkpoint to make a declaration



Customs Clearance

- DSED and Customs officers perform joint inspection on the imported rough diamonds at the customs clearance point

If you discover illegal import/export activities, report to the Customs 24-hour hotline at (853)28965001.



Exporting Rough Diamonds



Before Exporting

- Apply for an export license and a Kimberley Process Certificate from DSEDТ via EDI
- Make an appointment for clearance with the Customs



Customs Clearance

- DSEDТ and Customs officers perform joint inspection on the rough diamonds to be exported at the customs clearance point
- Rough diamonds are to be sealed after inspection



Declaration upon Departure from Macao

- Declare to Customs officers on duty at the departure checkpoint



Packaging



When importing/exporting or transiting rough diamonds, the packaging of diamonds shall be sealed and remain intact

otherwise the Customs may refuse the import/export or transit of the rough diamonds.



Penalty for Violations

Violation of the following regulations may be subject to fines :

Offense	Fine (MOP)
Importing or exporting rough diamonds in the absence of Kimberley Process Certificate	500 thousand - 5 million
Engaging in rough diamonds trade in the absence of an operating license, or importing from or exporting to non-Kimberley Process participants	200 thousand - 2 million
Failure to maintain continuously and submit records pertaining to import, export, purchase or sale of rough diamonds as required	10 thousand - 50 thousand


Note: For other offenses, please refer to Law No. 15/2019


Rough diamonds relating to violations of the regulations on operating license and Kimberley Process Certificate may be appropriated in favor of the Macao Special Administrative Region and destroyed.



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