



# Purchase of Explosives

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*In Colombia, any natural or legal person may only buy explosives and its accessories with permission obtain from the corresponding discretionary authority at the Stores of the Military Industry – INDUMIL.*

## Where can I be registered as a user of explosives and accessories? What are the requirements?

Any natural or legal person who wants to buy explosives and accessories must be registered as a user of such elements at the Departamento de Control y Comercio de Armas, Municiones y Explosivos – DCCA- (Weapons, Ammunition and Explosives Trading Control Unit) of the General Command of the Military Forces or the corresponding branch in the jurisdiction where the explosives and accessories are going to be used, by submitting the following documents:

- ◇ Unique Registry Form for Users of Explosives. This must be filled out to buy and import explosives.
- ◇ Request letter addressed to DCCA to obtain authorization. You must detail the type and economic activity you develop, as well as the safety measures you take to control and use explosives to perform your economic activity.
- ◇ Photocopy of the Legal Representative ID and his/her police certificate.
- ◇ Chamber of Commerce certificate issued no longer than 30 days before.
- ◇ Consent letter to allow DCCA to consult your police and disciplinary background.

## Where can I request quota for explosives and what supporting documentation must I submit?

Once the party interested in buying explosives and its accessories is registered as a user of explosives, he/she must go to the Military Unit of the Jurisdiction where the activities are going to be carried out to submit the following documents so that the quota request is processed:

- ◇ Consent letter signed by the Chief of Staff of the Brigade in the jurisdiction where the explosives and their corresponding accessories will be stored and used. Such letter of consent must contain the annual quantity of explosives and accessories to be used.
- ◇ Copy of the inspection review carried out by the corresponding brigade who consent the use of explosives and their accessories within the brigade's jurisdiction.
- ◇ Consent request addressed to DCCA, specifying type, activity, safety measures, storage, exact location of use, and quantity of explosives.
- ◇ Chamber of Commerce certificate issued no longer than thirty (30) days.
- ◇ ID and Police Certificate photocopy of the legal representative of the Company.



- ◇ ID and Police Certificate photocopy of the actual person in charge of the explosives and their accessories (storekeeper, explosives expert, etc.)
- ◇ Letter of consent addressed to DCCA's Chief authorizing background and disciplinary research of the interested party.
- ◇ Proof of legality of the activity in which the explosives are going to be used. It can be one of the following:
  - ◇ Mining Title granted by the National Agency of Mining. This title must be registered in the Colombian Mining Registry.
  - ◇ Copy of a duly signed and sealed contract of civil works, seismic or oil exploration or perforation activities.
- ◇ Certificate of suitability issued by a unit of Military Engineers addressed to the storekeeper and operators in charge of explosives, stating these people are experts in handling explosives and their corresponding accessories.
- ◇ Annual consumption plan specifying purchasing plan, consumption plan, and mineral production plan.
- ◇ Justification of consumption, technical study of exploitation, design of blast net including an estimate of the quantity of material to be removed, type of explosives, diameter and depth of the bore, quantity of explosives per bore and number of bores and daily or monthly average explosions.
- ◇ Exact location where the explosives and their accessories will be used and stored (attach photos and videos of the facilities in digital or hard copy).
- ◇ Book with numbered folios in which the control activities and handling of explosives and their accessories will be registered. (Once the book has been registered to DCCA, it must also be reported to the Brigade that consent the handling and use of explosives within its jurisdiction. Such book must be reported in during the first five (5) working days of each month.
- ◇ If the person in charge of this formality is not the legal representative of the company, a letter of consent authorizing a person to carry out formalities before the DCCA.

### **After the corresponding quota is obtained, you need to request a purchasing consent**

This procedure must be carried out at any of the DCCA's locations. For those projects in locations with no INDUMIL stores, the sales consent will be issued by DCCA. To request a letter of consent, the interested party must submit the following:

- ◇ Request letter addresses to DCCA or JEM, as the case may be, asking for authorization to buy explosive materials, specifying explosives type, quantity and accessories needed.
- ◇ Form of consent to sell explosives and accessories.



## If the interested party wants to import explosives, the following must be considered:

INDUMIL grants permission as long as the product is not already being manufactured in Colombia and it serves as a Supervisor and Importing Comptroller reason why INDUMIL charges 3% of the FOB value of the license in American dollars.

To obtain the consent to import explosives, the interested party must be registered to DCCA and have a valid quota assigned

To request consent of importing, the interested party must:

1. Request consent to the Military Unit in the jurisdiction where activities are going to be carried out.
2. Get registered as an importer-consumer to DCCA, and submit the following:
  - ◇ Unique Registry Form for Users of Explosives. This must be filled out to buy and import explosives.
  - ◇ Chamber of Commerce certificate. (Legal entities)
  - ◇ Police certificate of requesting party
  - ◇ Consent letter to allow DCCA to consult your police and disciplinary background.
  - ◇ Product handling and registration book.
  - ◇ Exact location where the explosives are going to be used.
  - ◇ Annual Purchasing Plan of required substances or elements.
  - ◇ Consent letter signed by the commander of the Military Unit in the jurisdiction where explosives are going to be stored.
3. Fill out the Unique Foreign Trading/Importing of Explosives and Raw Materials for Explosives form on the website [www.vuce.gov.co](http://www.vuce.gov.co), pursuant to Decree 334/02, in addition to submit the following:
  - ◇ Registry form to DCCA.
  - ◇ Consent letter issued by the Military Unit in the jurisdiction where the importer is located.
  - ◇ Consent letter to import explosives issued by DCCA.
  - ◇ Letter signed by the Legal Representative informing the details of the person in charge of the formalities to INDUMIL, the person in charge of handling and piling the materials and the explosives (Chief of the Warehouse).
  - ◇ Annual Purchasing Plan of required substances or elements



### **If a transportation safe-conduct is required, where can it be obtained?**

If a transportation safe-conduct is required, it must be requested at the Military Unit in the Jurisdiction where activities are going to be carried out. The Military Unit is in charge of deciding whether a transportation safe-conduct will be issued or not, depending on the quantity of materials and the location of the warehouse.

A transportation safe-conduct will be valid for ninety (90) days as of the issuance date. It can be used to transport the explosive materials from the point of origin to their final destination. Transportation activities must be carried out considering security measures coordinated along with the Military Unit of the jurisdiction where activities are going to take place. Military escort must be present at all times.

- ◇ Request addressed to DCCA or JEM, as the case may be, to obtain consent to buy explosive materials specifying the type, quantity and accessories needed.

#### ***Legal References***

*Act 685 of 2001, Mining Code*

*Decree 1809 of 1994, Article 11, by which Decree 2535 of 1993 is regulated.*

*Decree 2535 of 1993, by which norms regarding weapons, ammunition and explosives are established.*

