Export Authorization

Export License

What is the difference and what is changed with the Reform and new structure of the Italian Museums?
This is what you need to know because these 4 different groups of Museum and Libraries have different procedures to apply and get export authorizations

• 32 Museums and Archeological Parks of National Interest with Special Autonomy
• Museums assigned to the 17 Regional Museum Poles
• All other museums still managed by the 40 Soprintendenze for Archeology, Art and Architectural Heritage
• Libraries
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32 Museums and Archeological Parks of National Interest with Special Autonomy

The export authorization is **issued directly by the Director of the museum** after the positive opinion received from the “Servizio Musei” of the Ministry of Culture.

There is no precise timing but it would be wise to begin this process 3 months prior to the exhibition.
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Museums assigned to the 17 Regional Museum Poles

The export authorization is **issued by the Director of the Regional Museum Pole** after the positive opinion received from the “Servizio Musei” of the Ministry of Culture.

There is no precise timing but it would be wise to begin this process 3 months prior to the exhibition.
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All other museums managed by the 40 Soprintendenze for Archeology, Art and Architectural Heritage and private lender’s loans if “NOTIFICATO”

In this case we have a **3 steps procedure**.

1) The lending museum must apply the local Soprintendenza
2) After receiving the request from the lender, the local Soprintendenza applies the Ministry of Culture
3) The Ministry of Culture issues the Export Authorization after the positive opinion of a Committee

This process is longer than the previous. Moreover it takes up to one week to issue all the proper papers after the loan has been authorized.

It would be wise to begin this process 4 months prior to the exhibition.
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Libraries

The export authorization is issued Direzione Generale Biblioteche of the Ministry of Culture.

There is no precise timing but it would be wise to begin this process 3 months prior to the exhibition.
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Private Lenders (Private individuals, galleries, companies …)

NO EXPORT AUTHORIZATION NEEDED

Except when the artwork is “NOTIFICATO”
What is the “NOTIFICA”

“NOTIFICA” is a formal communication made by the Ministry of Culture and issued to a private collector (individual or institution) stating that the work of art they own is of particular interest to the Italian Cultural Heritage. This action is called “NOTIFICA” and from that moment that work of art is “NOTIFICATA”
What does a “NOTIFICA” mean for a private lender?

The art work that has been “NOTIFICATA” cannot be sold outside of Italy anymore (therefore reduced market and reduced value). From that moment the owner must always get an authorization from a special office of the Ministry of Culture to move the painting to any other location or exhibition (even in Italy). The Ministry can also require conservation work or impose specific security measures at owner expenses.
Export License

The Export License is issued by a local office of the Fine Art Ministry (Fine Art Export Office) to allow the export of an art, collection, historical, archeological object belonging to any public or private institution or private owner.

When the Export Authorization is needed, the export license can be issued only after the Export Authorization has been granted.

Normally the agent applies for the export license.
Export License: Simplified Procedure

Any artwork executed not more than 70 years prior to export date or any artwork even older but with a value not higher than 13,500 euros

There is a simplified procedure to get the export license without the need to inspect the artworks.

It takes approx 1 week to get this export document
No Export Authorization needed

Libraries

The Direzione Generale Biblioteche at the Ministry of Culture issues the Export Authorization

Private lenders Loans
If not “Notificato”

No Export Authorization needed

Artworks less than 70 years old Or 13.500 Eur

No Inspection needed
EXCEPTIONS

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Thank You!

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