

31 October 2022

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Tēnā koe Andre,

I refer to your request received on 13 October 2022, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

*What objects have been prevented from leaving the country over the last five years to date, under the Protected Objects Act?*

*Could the ministry please supply this information by date, and in each instance list the reason why its export was banned and what the response was from the object's owner, if applicable.*

In the last five years six protected NZ objects have been declined export permission as per Section 7A(1) of the Protected Objects Act 1975 (the Act). This is summarised in the table below:

Year of decision	POA category	Object	Reason for prevention of export	Owner response
2018	Technology & transport	Traction engine	Export application declined under Section 7A(1)	Owner accepted decision
2019	Documentary heritage	Film collection	Export application declined under Section 7A(1)	Applicant appealed CE decision; decision upheld.
2021	Technology & Transport	Boat	Application under Section 7F (2) (b)	Owner accepted decision
2022	Technology & transport	Horse drawn carriage	Export application declined under Section 7A(1)	Owner accepted decision
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2022	Technology & Transport	Musical instrument	Application under Section 7F(2) (b)	Owner accepted decision

Two of the six were applications to be added to the Nationally Significant Objects Register (the Register) as per Section 7F of the Act. The other four were direct applications for permission to export, which were subsequently added to the Register. Further information on the Register is available at:

<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1975/0041/latest/whole.html#DLM432261>

The Register is not available for public inspection as per Section 7F(4) of the Act, but we have provided overviews when requested.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [oa@mch.govt.nz](mailto:oa@mch.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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