

Directive issued by the Central People's Government Administration Council on " Interim Measures for Prohibiting the Export of Precious Cultural Relics and Books " [24-05-1950]

When examining the cultural relics and books of historical and cultural value in our country, in the past reactionary era, the government and businessmen often colluded and exported them illegally, resulting in great losses to our cultural heritage. Now that the reactionary regime has been overthrown, and the land and sea transportation industry has been smooth, in order to prevent this cultural relic book from continuing to be lost, the " Interim Measures for Prohibiting the Export of Precious Cultural Relic Books " has been issued with the order.

Article 1 These Measures are specially formulated to protect China's cultural heritage and prevent precious cultural relics and books related to revolution, history, culture and art from flowing abroad.

Article 2 The following types of cultural relics and books are prohibited from being exported:

(1) Revolutionary documents and real objects.

(2) Paleontology: the remains and fossils of ancient animals and plants.

(3) Prehistoric relics: relics and fossils of prehistoric human beings.

(4) Buildings: buildings and building models or their accessories.

(5) Paintings: various works of painters of the previous generation, ancient murals of palaces, temples, and tombs, as well as embroidery paintings, weaving paintings, and lacquer paintings with high artistic value of the previous generation.

(6) Sculptures: reliefs, sculptures, religious and ritual statues with high artistic value, as well as art sculptures of gold, stone, jade, bamboo, wood, bone, horn, teeth, ceramics and other art sculptures of the previous generation.

(7) Inscriptions: oracle bone inscriptions, seals, talismans, carvings on book boards, etc., as well as inscriptions on ancient gold, stone, jade, bamboo, wood, brick, tile, etc.

(8) Books: Slips, books, archives, calligraphy of famous people, ink marks and precious rubbings of gold and stone with historical value.

(9) Currency: ancient shells, ancient coins (such as knives, cloth, money, ingots, banknotes, banknotes, etc.).

(10)Historically valuable vehicles, boats, ships, harnesses, crowns and shoes, clothes, belts, accessories and fabrics, etc..

(11) Utensils: ancient production tools, weapons, ritual musical instruments, ritual instruments, Ming utensils, instruments, furniture, daily necessities, stationery, entertainment items, etc.

Article 3 All the above-mentioned cultural relics and pictures have been approved by the Central People's Government Administration Council to be shipped abroad for exhibition, exchange, or gift, and a permit is issued for export.

Article 4 All cultural relics and books without revolutionary, historical and cultural value, or copies and photocopies of cultural relics and books with revolutionary, historical and cultural value may be allowed to export.

Article 5 For the cultural relics and books that are permitted to be exported, the export locations are limited to three times: Tianjin Customs, Shanghai Customs and Guangzhou Customs. However, if it falls under the circumstances mentioned in Article 3, this limitation is not applicable.

Article 6 All cultural relics books that are reported for export must be listed in detail with the category, name, size, weight, age list and packing list before shipment or mailing, and report to the Foreign Trade Administration of each permitted export location. The Foreign Trade Administration shall submit it to the local Cultural Relics Export Appraisal Committee to check and appraise the cultural relics and books for export one by one according to the list reported by the sender. Local foreign trade administrations may issue export licenses on the basis of the appraisal certificate issued by the local cultural relics export appraisal committee. Customs or post office documents release.

Article 7 The Cultural Relics Export Appraisal Committee shall be established in Tianjin (including Beijing), Shanghai and Guangzhou. The Ministry of Culture of the Central People's Government will invite a number of experts in various regions. The Foreign Trade Administration, the Customs and the Post Office shall appoint a number of members as members.

Article 8 All cultural relics books that have been authenticated by local cultural relics export appraisal committees and have been issued export licenses by each locality should be monitored and packed by local customs or post office personnel, and sealed together with the sender to prevent secret exchange.

Article 9 Anyone who violates the provisions of these Regulations and attempts to steal the above-listed cultural relics that are prohibited from export and is seized by the customs or post office, in addition to confiscation of their articles, may be punished according to the seriousness of the circumstances.

Article 10 These Measures shall come into force from the date of promulgation.