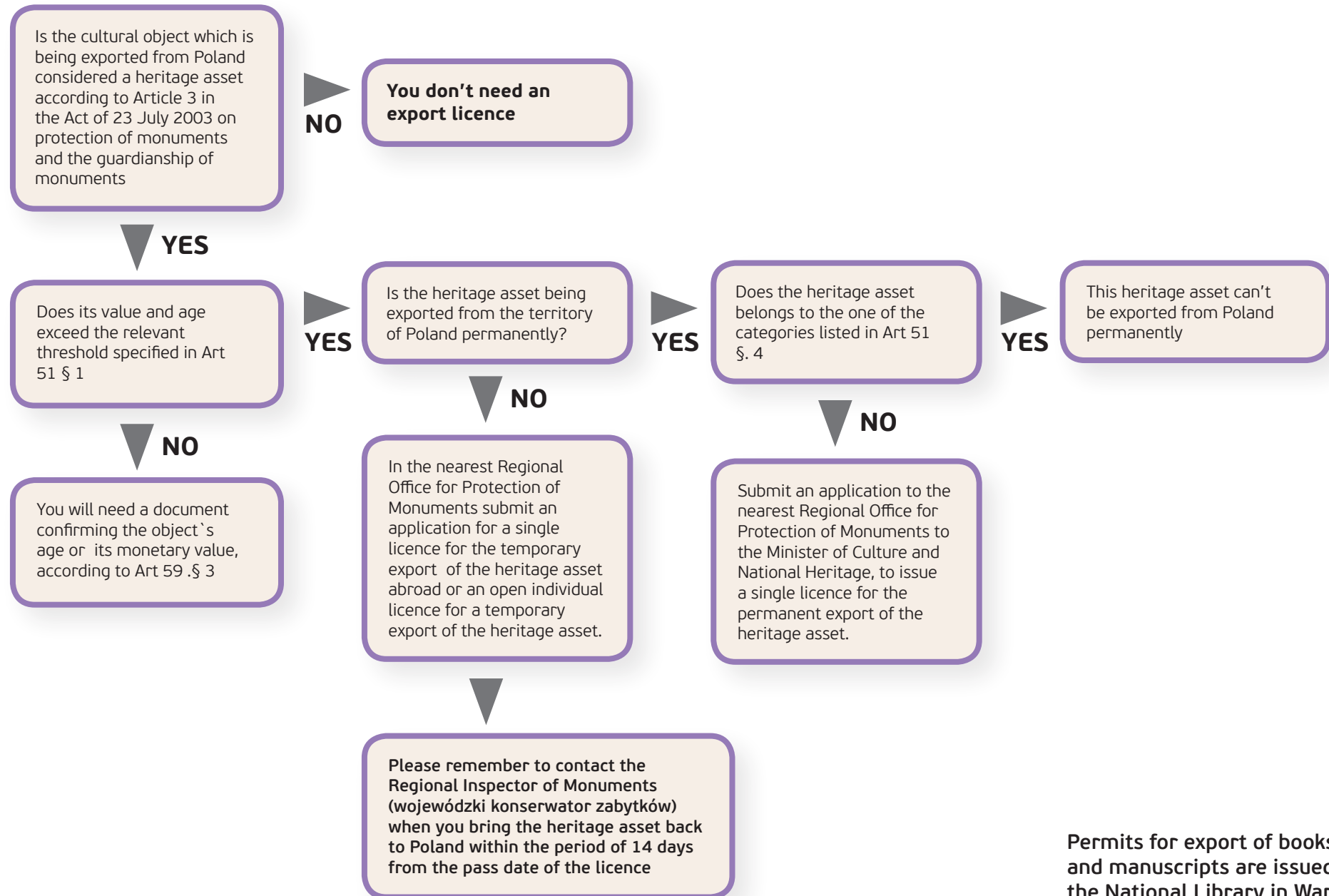


When does one need an export permit to take cultural objects abroad?



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Permits for export of books and manuscripts are issued by the National Library in Warsaw

It is worth checking prior to purchasing or during the purchase of works of art, collections of objects or antiques, the following:



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If the heritage asset is to be exported permanently then make sure before that it doesn't belong to the category specified in Article 51 § 4, which means that it is not on the National Heritage Assets Register	
Check the object against the database of stolen cultural goods www.skradzionezabytki.pl	
Ask if the object has documentation regarding its history	
Ask for a certificate of authenticity	
Ask about its country of origin	
Enquire regarding recent conservation works, which have been carried on the object. In particular the nature and author of these works	
Enquire, regarding the identity of the previous owner where possible	
Make sure that a receipt is issued correctly, this should have at the least a short description of the article, the date of purchase and full details of the seller	
Keep all documentation obtained, In case you have any doubts regarding the past of the object	