

Yonhap news agency quoted industry and trade officials late Monday as saying that Japan had approved the export of a high-tech material to South Korea for the second time since restricting exports to South Korea last month.

This material is photoresist, which is very important for the high-end chip OEM business of Samsung Electronics (005930. KS).

A spokesman for Samsung Electronics declined to comment.

Japan allowed the export of photoresist to Samsung Electronics earlier this month, but warned that it might expand strict censorship of South Korean exports.