

# Leatherneck Simulations: MiG-21bis

## Product deactivation

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## Foreword

To avoid product functioning errors, product deactivation is necessary in following cases:

- Any planned hardware change (upgrade, downgrade),
- Major hardware components drivers or firmware changes (update),
- Operating system major upgrade (major version change).

**Since your product protection is based on hardware and OS binding, it is necessary to understand that changing your hardware or OS will render your registration invalid, since the protection system will assume that someone else – using different PC or OS - wants to use your product. Therefore, it is necessary to disable the protection before making any changes to your hardware or OS.**

You can deactivate the product in two ways:

- Automatically online,
- Offline.

**Although “Automatically online deactivation” will work for most of users, we strongly suggest reading “Offline deactivation” section for advanced familiarization of StarForce server side deactivation.**

For more detailed information concerning deactivations, please visit <http://www.starforce.com/products/starforce-proactive/> .

If there is a registry conflict disabling you to perform of any normal activation or deactivation procedure, **the last resort is registry entries deletion. This procedure is risky and not advised to less experienced users.** However, you can find the guide for this procedure at the end of this manual.

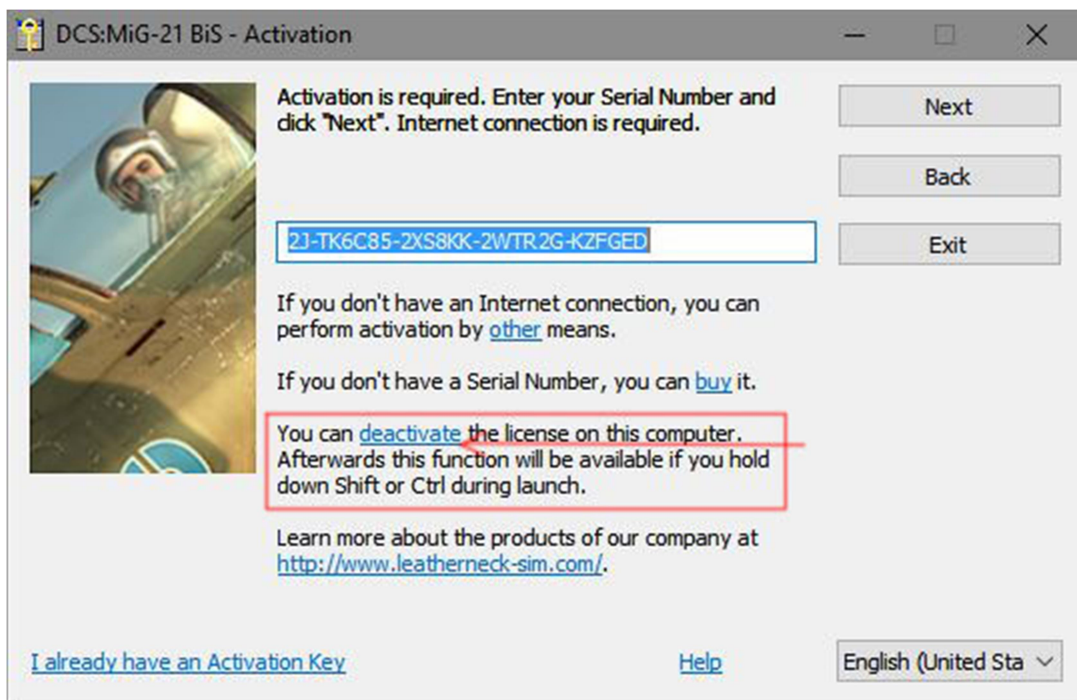
## Automatic online deactivation

Automatic deactivation is possible if the client PC is online.

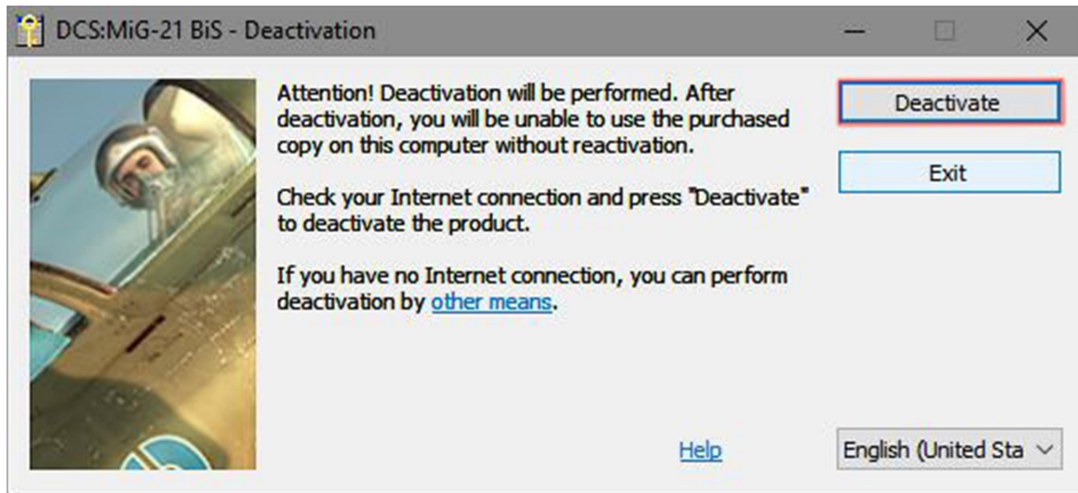
**STEP 1:** Run the pcnsl.exe file, which is in the program folder (example: "C:\Program Files\Eagle Dynamics\DCS World OpenBeta\Mods\aircraft\MiG-21BIS\bin\pcnsl.exe"). Select the "Activate or deactivate product" command in the displayed window.



**STEP 2:** Click on the "deactivate" link, marked with red arrow.



**STEP 3:** Warning dialog will inform you that you are about to deactivate the product. You can cancel the operation by clicking “Exit” button, or proceed by clicking “Deactivate” button.



If deactivation was successful on the server side, you will be informed about number of remaining activations.

In any case when automatic deactivation failed, you should attempt offline deactivation.

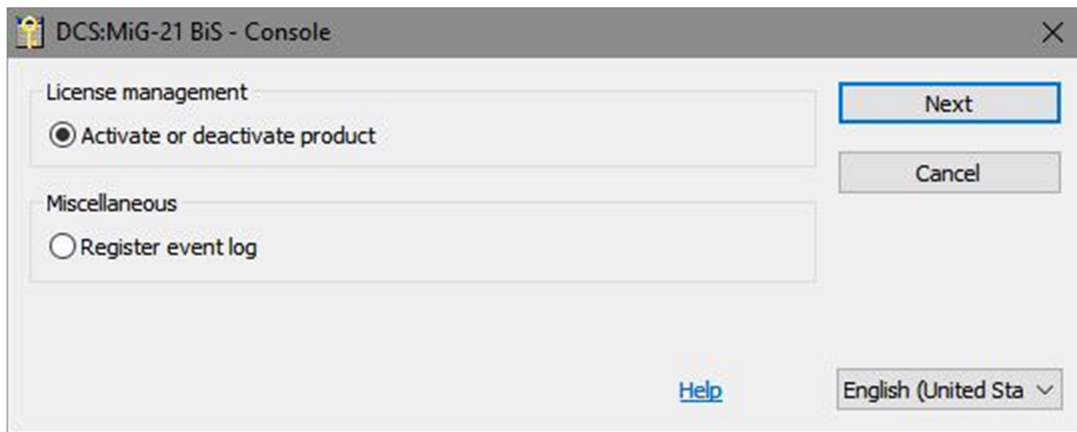
## Offline deactivation

Offline deactivation is possible if the client PC is offline.

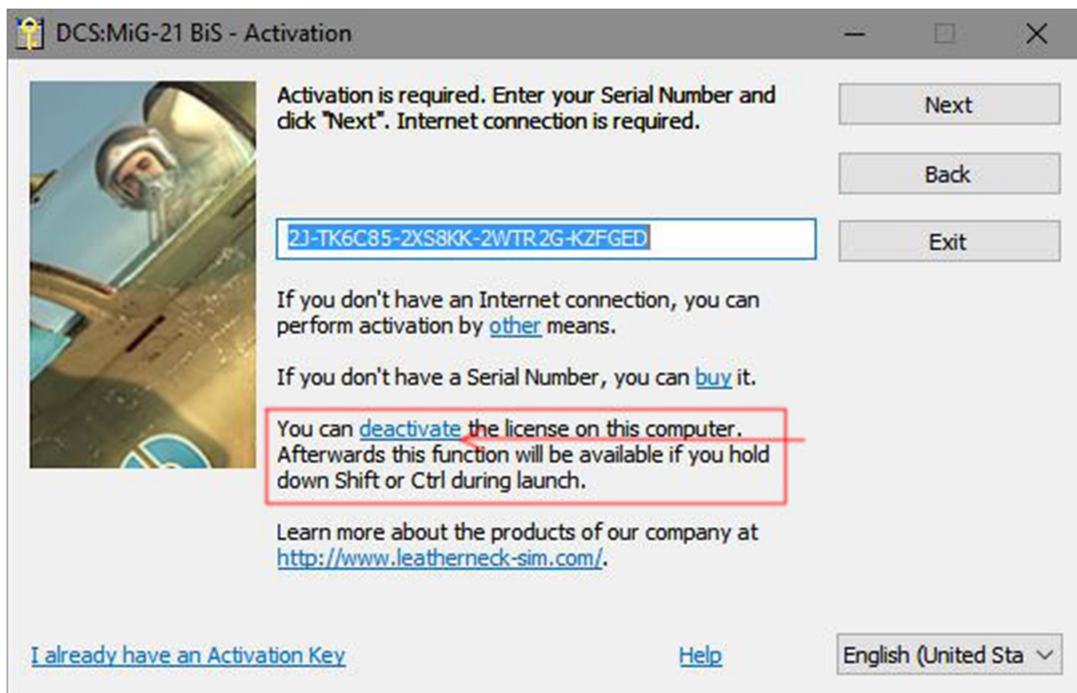
However, **to save the activation for another use, user has to go to the StarForce site at some point, and actually register the deactivation.**

Here is the explanation of the process:

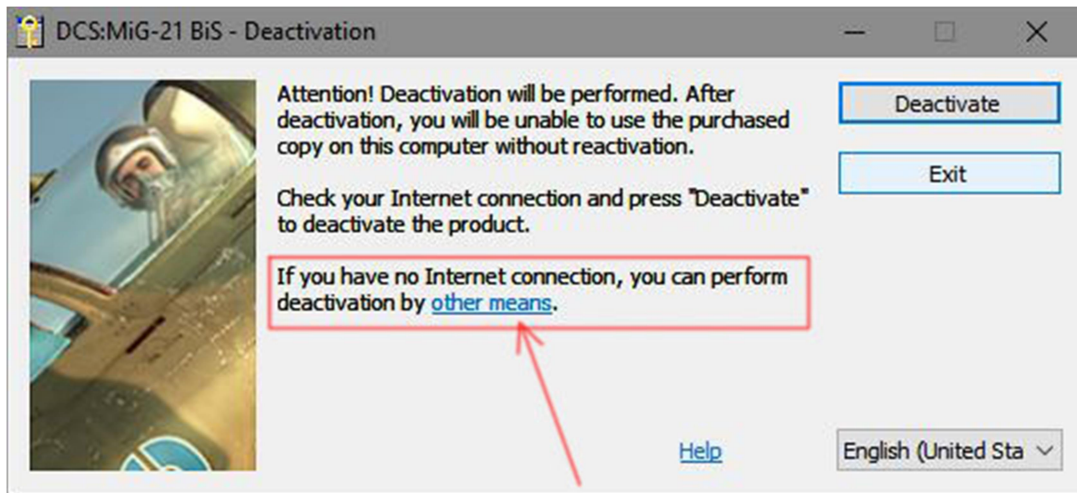
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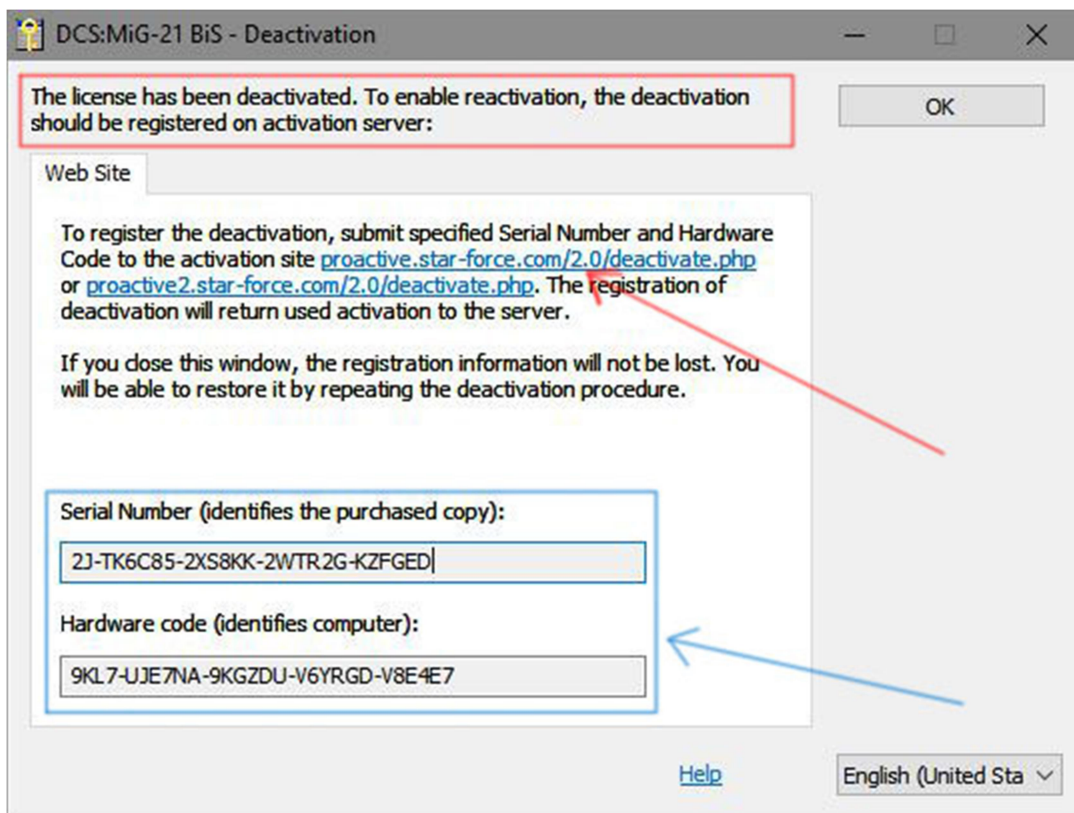
**STEP 2:** Click on the "deactivate" link, marked with red arrow.



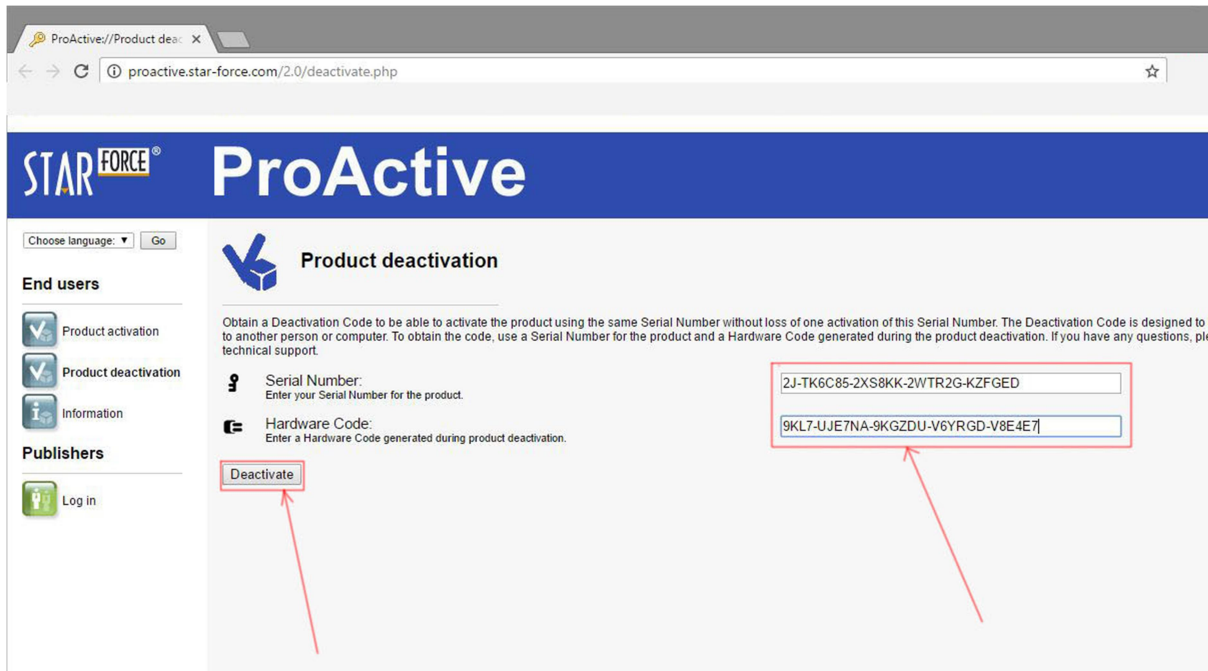
**STEP 3:** Warning dialog will inform you that you are about to deactivate the product. Click on “other means” link: product will be immediately deactivated on your PC.



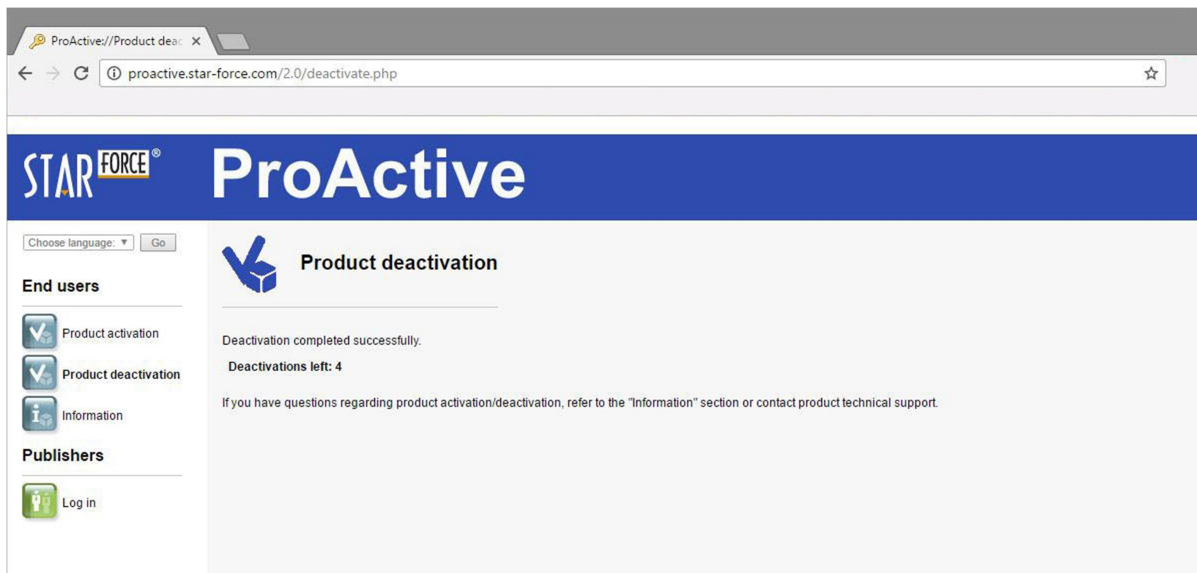
**STEP 4:** Information dialog will appear, instructing you to go to the StarForce site and register your deactivation, so that you can use activation again at some later point. We strongly advise saving the “Serial number” and “Hardware code” numbers, especially if you are unable to register the deactivation immediately. You can do this simply, by saving the print screen or using copy-paste procedure and saving the text file with mentioned codes.



**STEP 5:** Once you decide to register deactivation, go to <http://proactive.star-force.com/2.0/deactivate.php>, enter your codes there, and click on “Deactivate” button.



**STEP 6:** Once the procedure is done, you will get report with remaining number of activations.

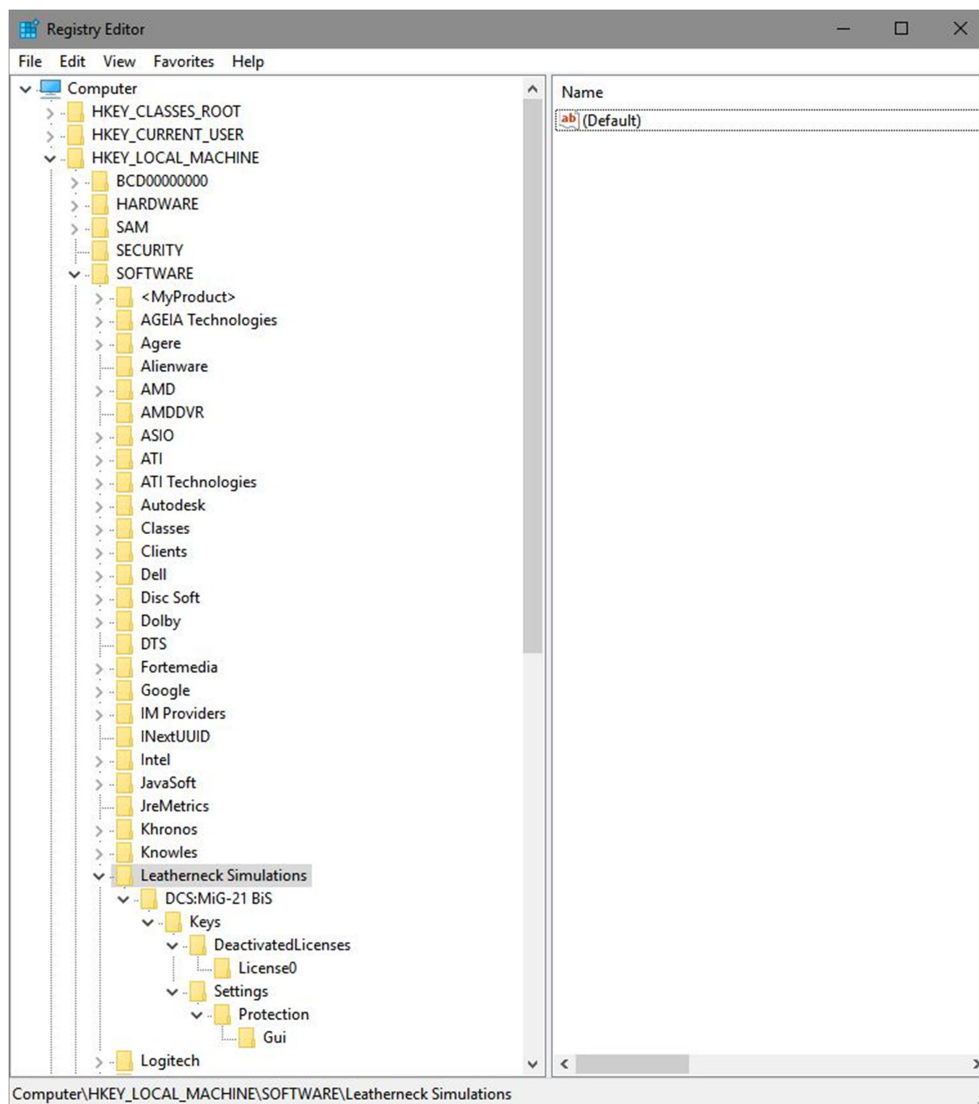


## Deleting product registry entries

If you are unable to deactivate product using normal procedures described previously, you can attempt product registry entries deletion to enable clean registry environment for new activations.

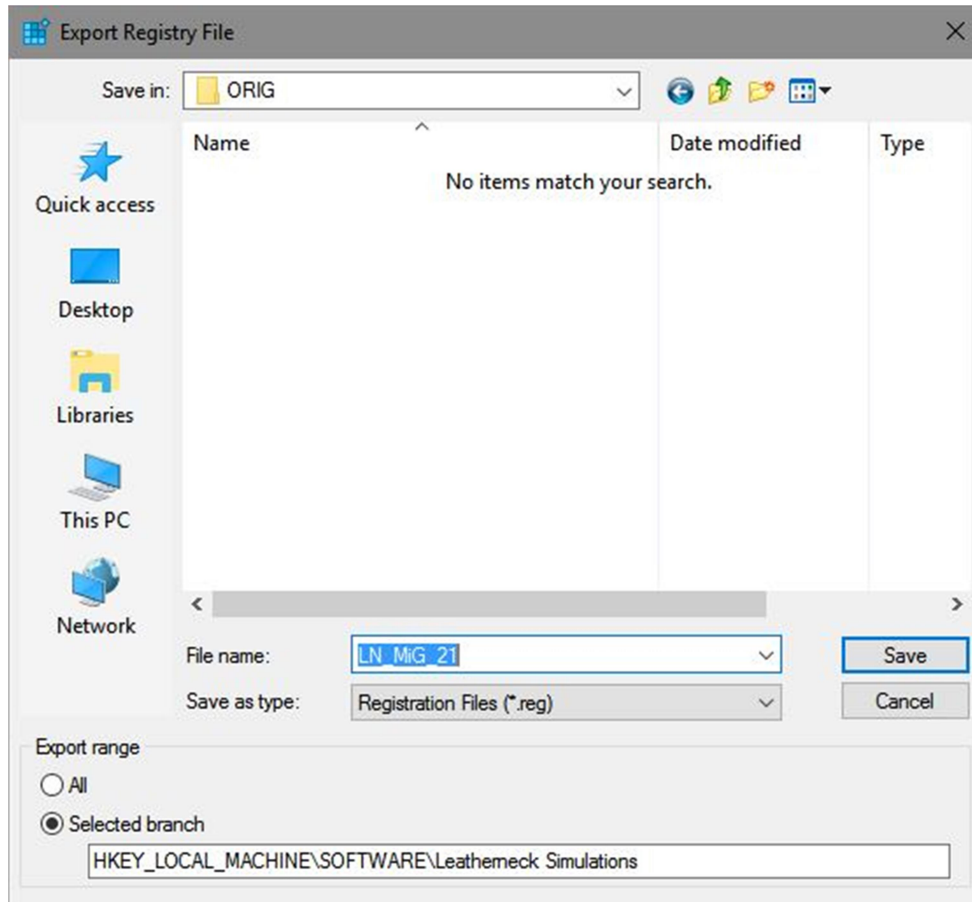
**WARNING: registry editing can render your Windows inoperative – you are doing this on your own responsibility.**

**STEP 1:** Click Windows “Start” menu, type “regedit” and hit ENTER. Registry Editor application will open. Double click “HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE”, double click “SOFTWARE”, click “Leatherneck Simulations”.

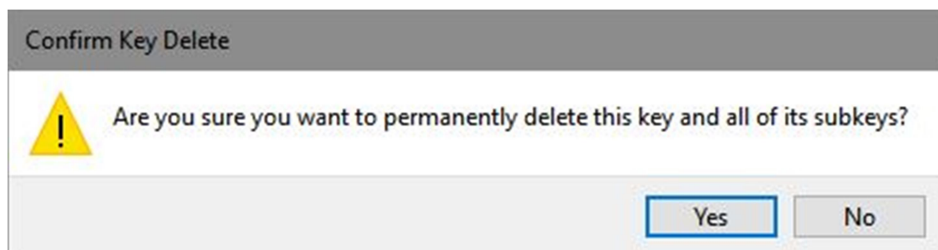




**STEP 2:** Right click on “Leatherneck Simulations” and click on “Export”. The dialog box will open, asking you where you want to save selected registry entries. Pick any location you find suitable, enter some descriptive file name, make sure “Selected branch” radio-button is active and click “Save”.



**STEP 3:** You will get the notice that the registry export is successfully completed. Once again right-click on “Leatherneck Simulations” and select “Delete”. A warning will appear, notifying that selected registry entries will be permanently deleted. Click “Yes”.



**STEP 4:** Confirm “Leatherneck Simulations” entry is missing from the list, and restart your PC. After restarting, you will be able to activate your product.