



# La révision de la politique de Contrôle européen des biens double-usage – tendances et développements



*3eme Forum des exportateurs  
de biens à double usage*

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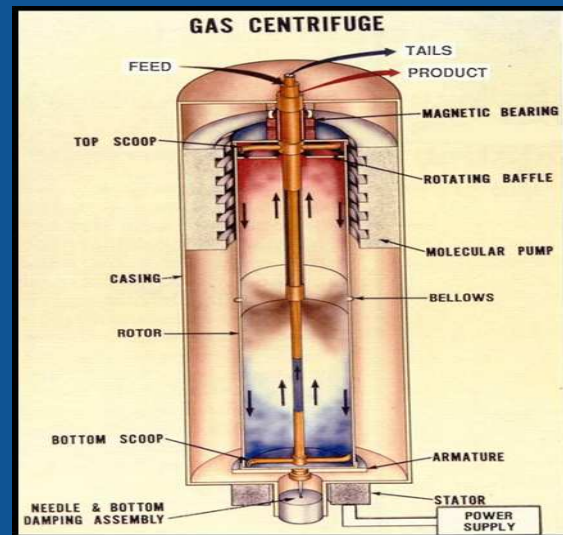
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# EU export controls: introduction & definition

- Dual-use items: "items including software & technology, which can be used for both civil and military purposes"

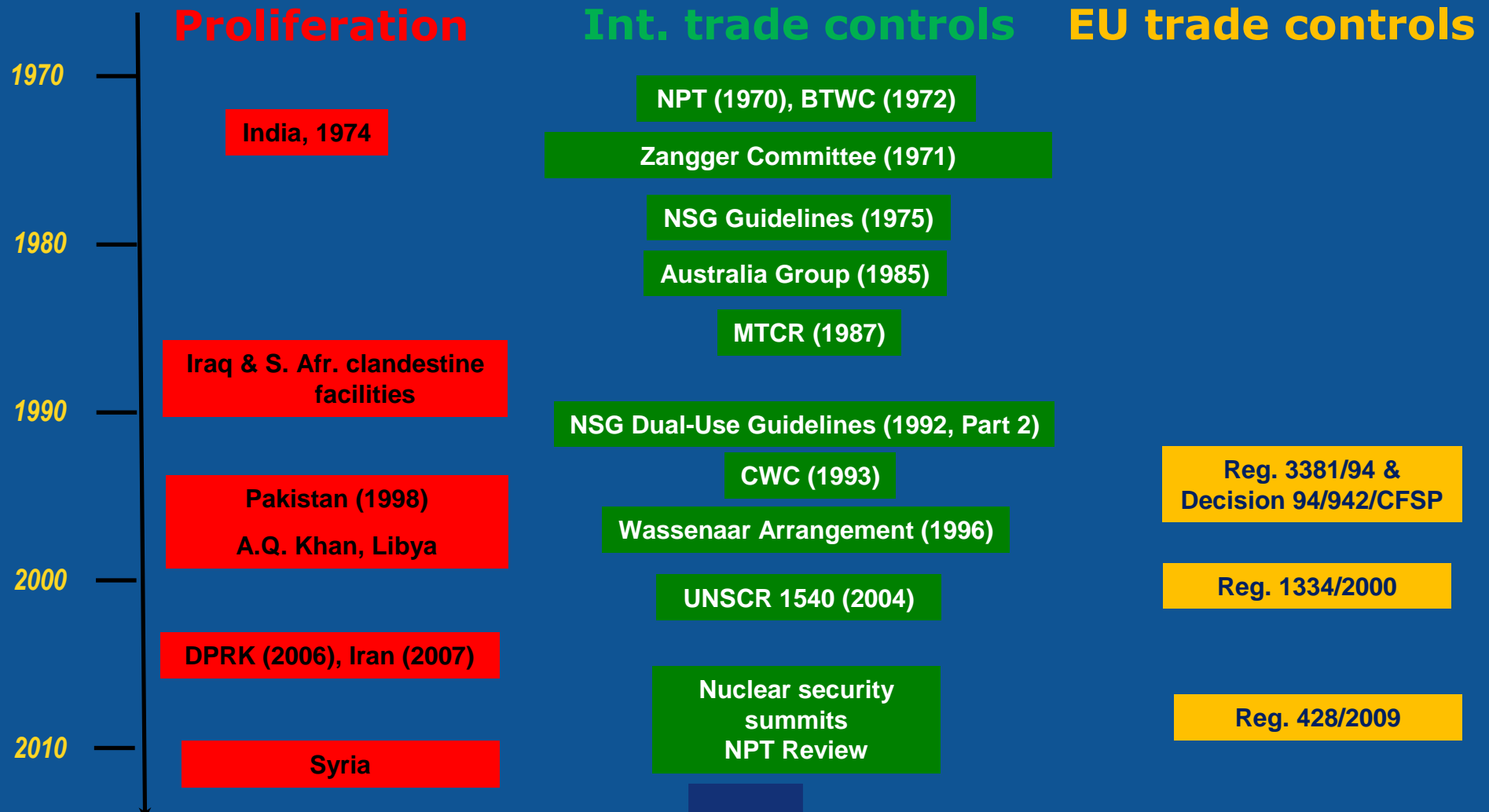


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# EU export controls: a historical perspective





# EU export controls: risks and threats





## EU export controls: Policy & legal framework

- International treaties (NPT, CWC, BTWC) & UNSCR 1540 (2004)
- Multilateral arrangements (AG, NSG, MTCR, WA)

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- European Security Strategy & Strategy against WMD Proliferation (2004-2008)
- Art. 207 TFEU, Regulation (EU) No 408/2009 & national regulations



## EU export controls: institutional aspects

- The Council & European Parliament – the co-legislators
- The European Commission – legislative proposals and support to implementation of EU Regulation
- The European Court of Justice
- Member States administrations
- Industry and other stakeholders



## **Basic features: a common set of rules**

- Free circulation of dual-use items on EU territory
- Common export control list: compilation of export control lists of multilateral regimes (Annex I)
- Common control / authorisation criteria
- Possibility to control non-listed items ("catch all") if WMD-related or military end-use
- Possibility of additional national controls for public security / human rights considerations
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## Basic features: a common set of licenses

- 4 types of licenses:
  - EUGEA
  - National General Export Authorisations
  - Global Export Authorisations
  - Individual Export Authorisations
- Common licensing simplification for least sensitive goods to most reliable destinations (EU general authorisations – 6 EUGEAs)
- Additional licensing simplifications possible at national level (in addition to EUGEA)

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## Basic features: national licensing under the common EU framework

- Export licenses granted & denied by Member States' export control authorities, on a case-by-case basis
- Administrative cooperation, sharing of information, consultations and denials ('no undercut policy') – an EU network
- IT infrastructure to support exchange of information
- EU Pool of Experts





## **Basic features: coordination of implementation and enforcement**

- Customs coordination (TARIC, risk assessment)
- Joint meetings with customs
- Enforcement by national enforcement authorities and penalties in cases of breaches
- Development of EU Guidelines: exchange of implementation & best practices
- Peer visits/common training



## Recent developments: EU General Export Authorisations

- EU001 has been in force for several years – concerns only limited number of destinations (7)
- In Nov. 2011, Regulation 1232/2011 introduced 5 new EU GEAs
  - EU002: export of certain DU items to certain destinations
  - EU003: Export after repair / replacement
  - EU004: Temporary export for exhibition or fair
  - EU005: Telecommunications and information security
  - EU006: Chemicals
  - ✓ Specific conditions and requirements (registration, reporting)



# Recent developments: Update of Control List (Annex I)

- Regulation (EU) n°388/2012 of 19 April 2012: revised Annex I including all 2009 and 2010 regime changes



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Missile Technology

Chemical Weapons Convention





## Recent developments: new procedure to update EU control list

- New proposal (COM 2011/0704) to introduce an accelerated procedure to amend Annex I
- The new procedure, if accepted, would allow the Commission to update the EU control list as often as necessary with a minimum of delay



## Recent developments: Publication of MS implementation measures

- Art. 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 17 and 22 of Reg. 428/2009 allow for measures to be implemented on a national basis;
- Practical information e.g. regarding national authorities, specially empowered customs offices etc
- Publication in the Official Journal (all official languages) - Notice C67/01, OJEU of 6 March 2012
- Important source of information for national administrations and business throughout the EU



## **New perspectives: EU export policy review**

- Art. 25 of Regulation 428/2009: regular reporting on the application of the Regulation and proposals for amendments
- Green Paper (2011) launched a broad public consultation to initiate a review process concerning the functioning of the EU export control regime
- Commission Staff Working Document (2013)<sup>7</sup> – report on stakeholders' responses to the Green Paper consultation



## **SWD (2013)7: a report on stakeholders' ideas on the review of EU export controls**

- Public consultation – 100 stakeholders (MS, industry associations, economic operators, academia, MEP, lawyers and consultants)
- Dual-use sector key to innovation and competitiveness
- Risks and opportunities of a 'changing, global and multipolar world'
- Strengths and weaknesses of the EU export control system
- Ideas for improvement and review of export control parameters



## Next steps: EU export policy review: ensuring security and competitiveness in a changing world

- Implementation and impact assessment report to European Parliament and Council
- Export control conference, 26 June 2013 (<http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/events/index.cfm?id=893>)
- Commission Communication





**For more information:**

**DG Trade dual-use website:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/trade/creating-opportunities/trade-topics/dual-use/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/trade/creating-opportunities/trade-topics/dual-use/index_en.htm)

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