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**Export Control Reforms
Quadrilateral Conference
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Export Control Organisation

- Part of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
- 79 staff
- UK statutory authority for military export licensing
- “Competent authority” for licensing under the EU Dual Use Goods regime
- Co-ordination role on enforcement
- Licences issued in name of BIS Secretary of State



Strategic Export Licences – A few facts

- Required for Military designed items and Dual Use Items,
- 15,000 plus Standard Individual licence applications per year
- 10,000 SPIRE users
- Cross Whitehall decision making
- Target – 70% SIELs in 20 working days
- 99% of all licences approved



EU Reforms

- European Commission Review of dual use export policy launched 15 July 2015
- Follows Green Paper on broad public debate of EU export control system
- April 2014 – long term vision for EU strategic export controls
- Modernisation of export control system and its adaptation to technological economic and political circumstances – including stakeholder consultation (closing October) and impact assessment
- Options include an upgraded and more integrated EU export control system to ensure:
 - Robust and consistent implementation of controls
 - Minimilisation in distortion of competition associated with controls and application of the EU Regulation



ADS Report Security & Prosperity

- Strengthening the UK's export control regime as a key part of the prosperity agenda.
- Increasing exports of military items and component parts by
 - Embedding strategic political support; establishing a clear and enduring framework for doing business with the UK
 - Boosting practical support through several measures including lowering the cost and improving the coordination of trade missions; raising awareness of export support schemes
 - Strengthening the export control regime by increasing scrutiny through open licensing, and enhancing licensing advisory functions.



Tech UK Review

➤ Report Recommendations

- Companies supplying components both within the EU and worldwide, increasingly lose business to competitors in Europe
- Where UK companies apply for licenses to export certain bespoke electronic components, the time taken for the licence to be processed can far exceed the time taken for manufacture of the goods.
- Advice and guidance, concerning the classification of products, can be unclear and confusing



Reforms the UK is considering introducing

- Reduce the level of RFIs
- Review the systems and process associated with End User Undertakings
- Review Open Licensing scope
- Re-introduction of the CLC Advice Service
- Introduction of an early guidance service



Engagement with industry over Reforms

- Review commences October – recommendation to Minister by December
- Consultative role for Tech UK and ADS in both reviews to ensure voice of business is understood



How we might consider responding to US Export Control Reform

- Not a question of responding to US Reforms
- UK system is robust it operates on basis of balance between facilitating trade and protecting UK security interests
- No room for complacency – UK approach is aimed at ensuring an ongoing process of review and reform



Help and Advice

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/export-control-organisation>

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- Export Control On-Line Detailed Guides
- Latest news - Notices to Exporters and Awareness Bulletin
- Training Courses / Awareness Events
- For sanctions, embargoes & other restrictions see ‘Sanctions and Exports’
- Awareness DVDs “Open licensing” & “Responsible Exporting

- ECO Checker Tools

https://www.ecochecker.bis.gov.uk/spirefox5live/fox/spire/OGEL_GOODS_CHECKER_LANDING_PAGE/new

- Export Control Statistics

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/strategic-export-controls-licensing-data>

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ANY QUESTIONS?

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