



# EU CONTRIBUTIONS TO STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROL



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## STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROLS IN RELATION TO NON-PROLIFERATION

**Strategic “dual-use” items have both civil and military applications** and are subject to trade controls deriving from international treaties (Non-Proliferation Treaty, Chemical Weapons Convention), as well as from international instruments (international export control regimes). In addition, all countries are required to implement export controls by the **United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)**.

**Strategic trade control within the EU:** Regulation (EU) 2021/821 sets up the **European Union regime for the control of exports** with the European Commission (EC) support through the following actions:

- Analysing **license data** and **denied export authorisations**
- Operating the **EU Dual-use Pool of Experts** that provide support to competent authorities requesting technical advice to support the assessment of specific licensing cases
- Providing expertise and direct support in the **Nuclear Suppliers Group** and **Australia Group international regimes**
- Contributing to the amendments to the “**EU dual-use control list**” (Annex I to Regulation 2021/821)
- Drafting guidelines for both suppliers’ and researchers’ **export compliance**
- Providing capacity building to national authorities: 22 seminars delivered to EU Member States and neighborhood countries officials with **more than 500 trainees in presence** in the period 2009-2019, and 3 webinars in 2020-21

The EU fully supports the view that international cooperation on peaceful uses should be promoted. The EU provides significant financial and political support to the IAEA and the OPCW, for their work in third countries to promote and build capacity for peaceful uses. For example, the EU and its member States are the largest donor of the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology that will provide better training facilities for developing countries. The EU and its Member States are also among the largest contributors to the IAEA’s Technical Cooperation Programme. The EU is providing widespread support to partner countries in setting up or enhancing their own export control systems, through the CBRN Centers of Excellence in 64 countries and the EU P2P export control outreach Program. We are pleased that many countries have benefited from these EU-funded projects.

**A handbook and two mapping tools:** To support export control authorities and exporters, the JRC developed the **Export Control Chemical Handbook** and two public platforms respectively **mapping trade flows** (Strategic Trade Atlas) and **dual-use research production** ([TIM Dual-use web-platform](#)) tailored to the mapping of dual-use technologies listed in the “EU dual-use control list” (Annex I to Regulation 2021/821).