

# Updates on Singapore's Strategic Trade Controls



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# Summary of 2020 Updates

- Updates to the Strategic Goods (Control) Order – SGCO 2020
- Amendments to the Strategic Goods (Control) Regulations (SGCR)
- New “ITT” Guide on Customs Website



# Control List Updates

## Strategic Goods (Control) Order 2020

*Gazetted on 15 Sep 2020*  
*Effective from 16 Nov 2020*

2019 Wassenaar  
Arrangement Munitions List

2019 European Union Dual-  
Use List

### Summary of Changes

- New controls
- Removal of controls
- Editorial amendments



# Examples of New Controls

- Other discrete microwave transistors (3A001.b.3.f.)
- Signal generators over 90 GHz (3A002.d.6.)
- Software designed to restore operation of microcomputers/microprocessors after EMP or ESD disruption (3D005)
- Radomes (6A108.c.)
- Masks and reticles designed for 6A002 optical sensors (6B002)
- Air-launch platforms for space launch (9A004.g.)



# Examples of Controls Removed

- Multi-layer masks (3B001.h.1.)
- Rocket motor cases and insulation components and nozzles (9A106.b.)
- Technology for diffusion bonding of gas turbine engine components (9E003.a.7.)



# Examples of Editorial Amendments

- Shift of definition for “vacuum electronic devices” from global definition to local definition (Category 3)
- Local definitions for:
  - ‘open-cell foams’ (Category 1)
  - ‘measuring range’ (Category 2)
  - ‘RF modulation bandwidth’ (Category 3)
  - ‘cryptographic activation token’ (Category 5)



# Amendments to the Strategic Goods (Control) Regulations (SGCR)

## Strategic Goods (Control) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

*Gazetted on 1 Jun 2020*

*Effective from 3 Aug 2020*

- Changes to the SGCR will affect the following parties:
  - Individual Permit Holder
  - Bulk Permit Holder
  - Registered Person (Brokering)



# Strategic Goods (Control) Regulations

*For All Individual, Bulk Permit Holders and Registered Persons (Brokering)*

- If any documents/records are not in English, an English translation to be provided **upon request** by Customs

*For Registered Persons (Brokering)*

- Required to submit a report (**including a nil return**) on the 30<sup>th</sup> of Jun and Dec of each calendar year





# Strategic Goods (Control) Regulations

## *For Bulk Permit Holders*

- Required to submit monthly report (**including a nil return**) for any Intangible Transfer of Technology (ITT) on the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month
- Required to provide the relevant codes, in particular the STS Bulk Permit Number when applying for the TradeNet permit for export of strategic goods
- Required to keep documents (screening of the consignee, internal audit reports, etc.) for a period of at least 5 years



# New ITT Guide Available on Customs Website

Transshipping Goods ▼

National Single Window ▼

Valuation, Duties, Taxes  
& Fees

Harmonised System ▼  
(HS) Classification of  
Goods

Certificates of Origin ▼

Customs' Schemes, ▼  
Licences & Framework

Trade Security In Singapore

## Catch-All Guide

This guidebook explains “catch-all” controls in the context of strategic goods management. It also advises traders on permit requirements, best practices and red flags to look out for when determining if an item falls under the “catch-all” controls.

## Guide on Intangible Transfer of Technology

This guide outlines the Intangible Transfer of Technology (ITT) in the context of managing strategic goods technology. It defines the intangible transfer of technology under the Strategic Goods Control Act (SGCA), explains the need to control ITT and its corresponding legal provisions, and advises traders on the permit requirements. It also contains the best practices before applying for an ITT permit to transmit strategic goods technology to any parties, and includes case study examples.



# Thank you

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