

SINGAPORE'S RELEVANT ACTIVITY OR “CATCH-ALL” CONTROLS



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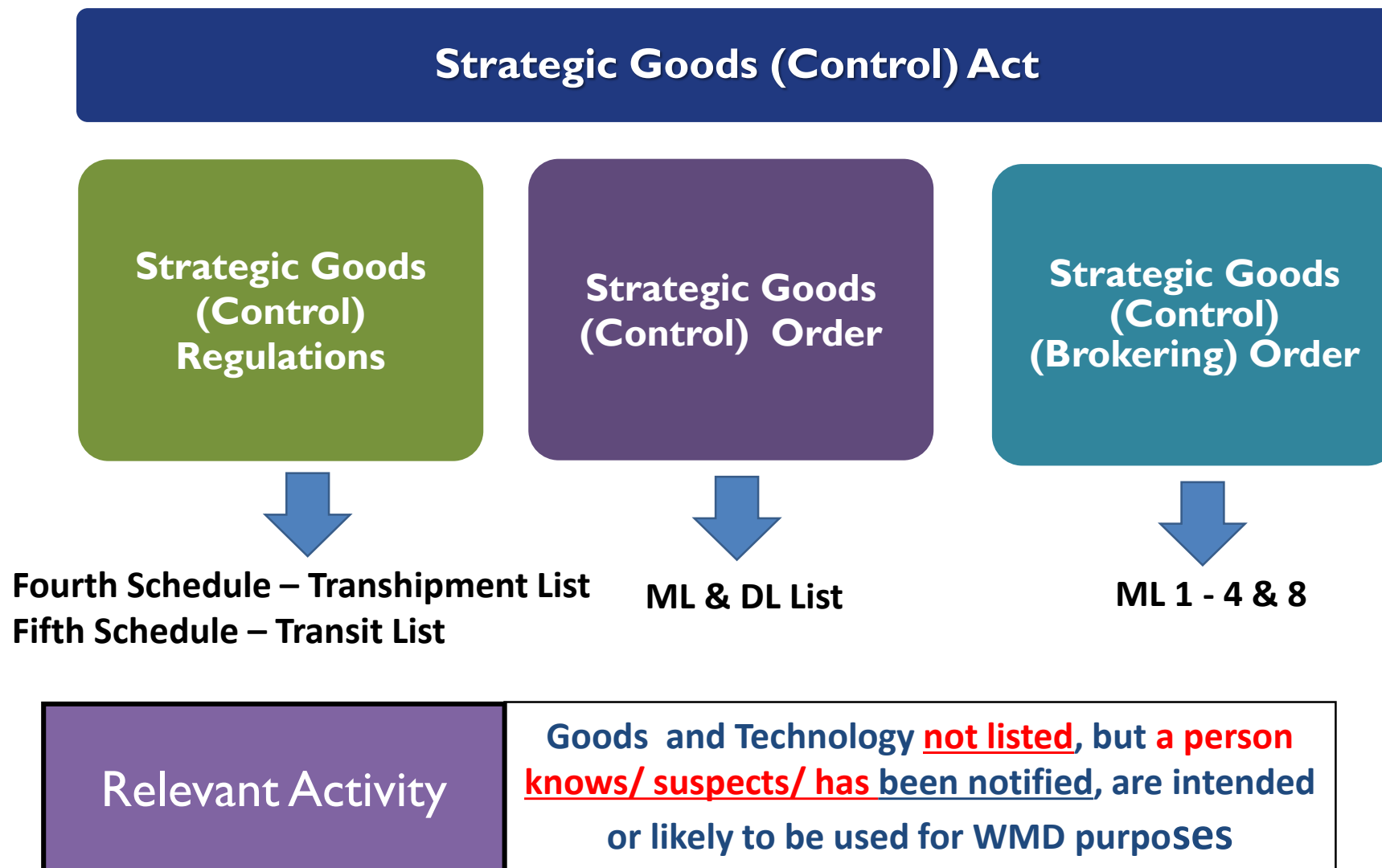
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Strategic Goods Control Act (2003)



What is Relevant Activity?

Relevant Activity

The development, production, handling, operation, maintenance, storage, detection, identification or dissemination of any **nuclear, chemical, or biological weapon**

The development, production, maintenance or storage of **missiles** which are capable of delivering any such weapon



Dual Use Items Possibly Used for WMD



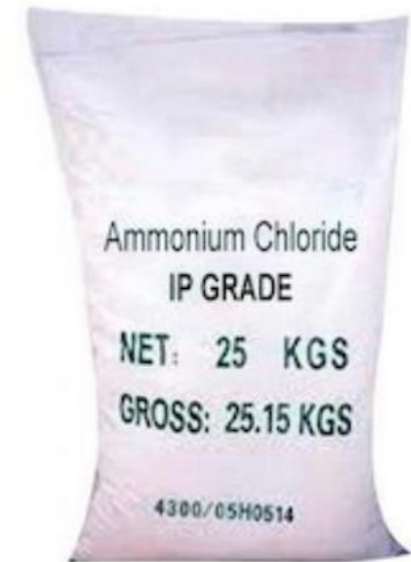
Steel pipes



Connectors



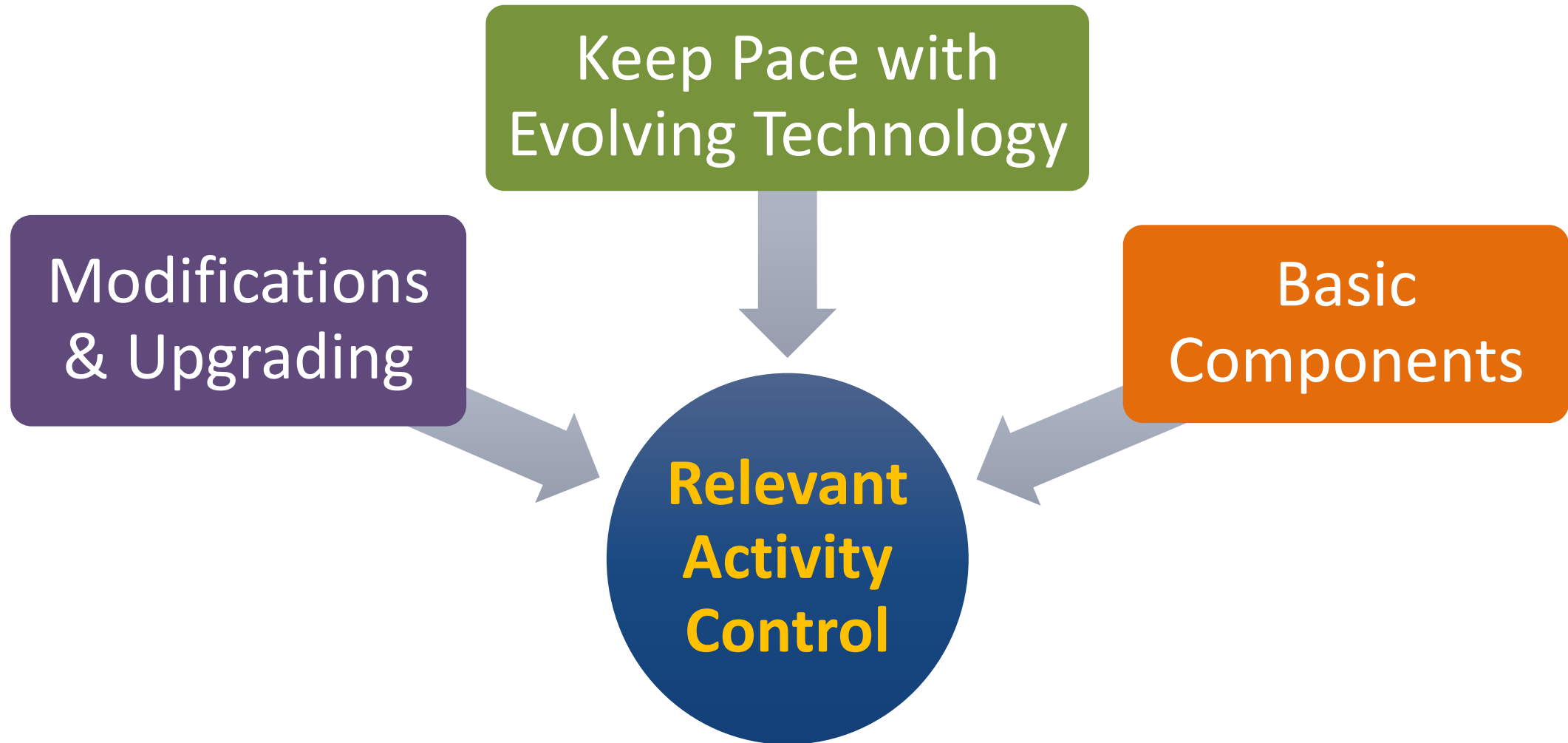
Helium gas



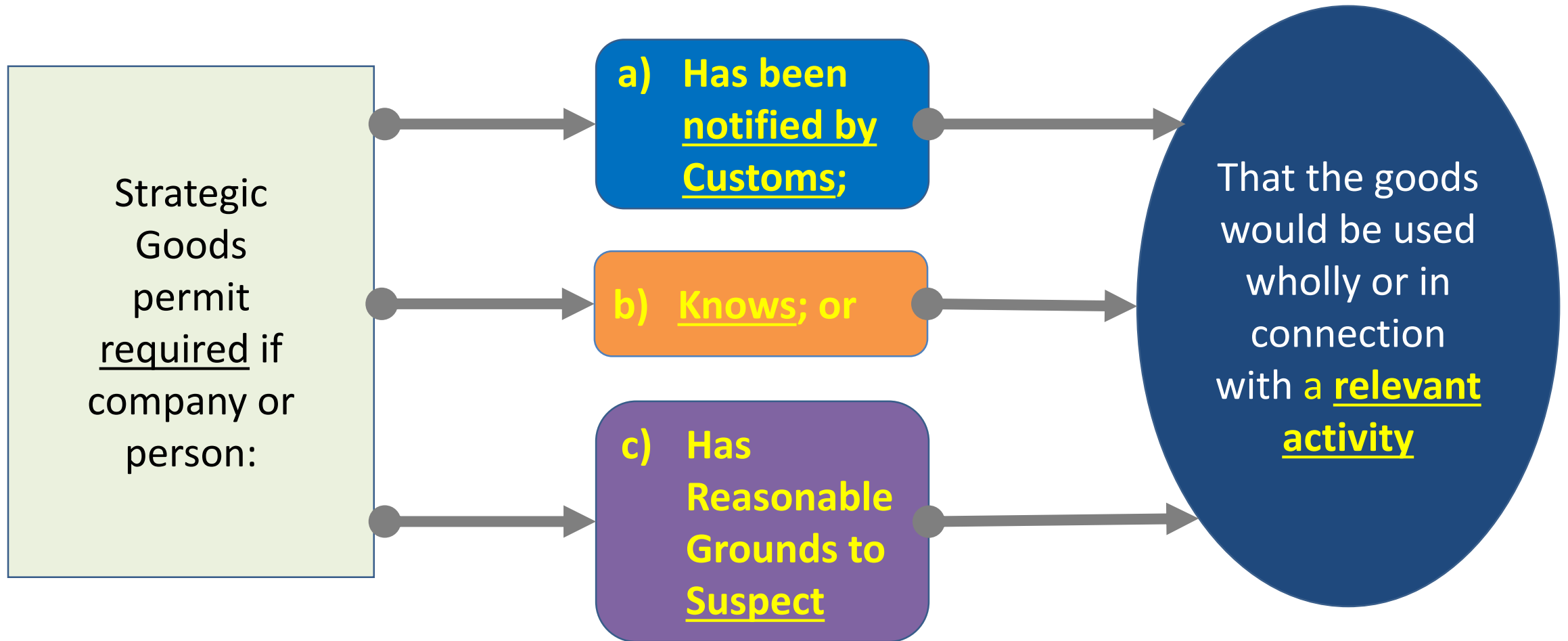
Ammonium Chloride



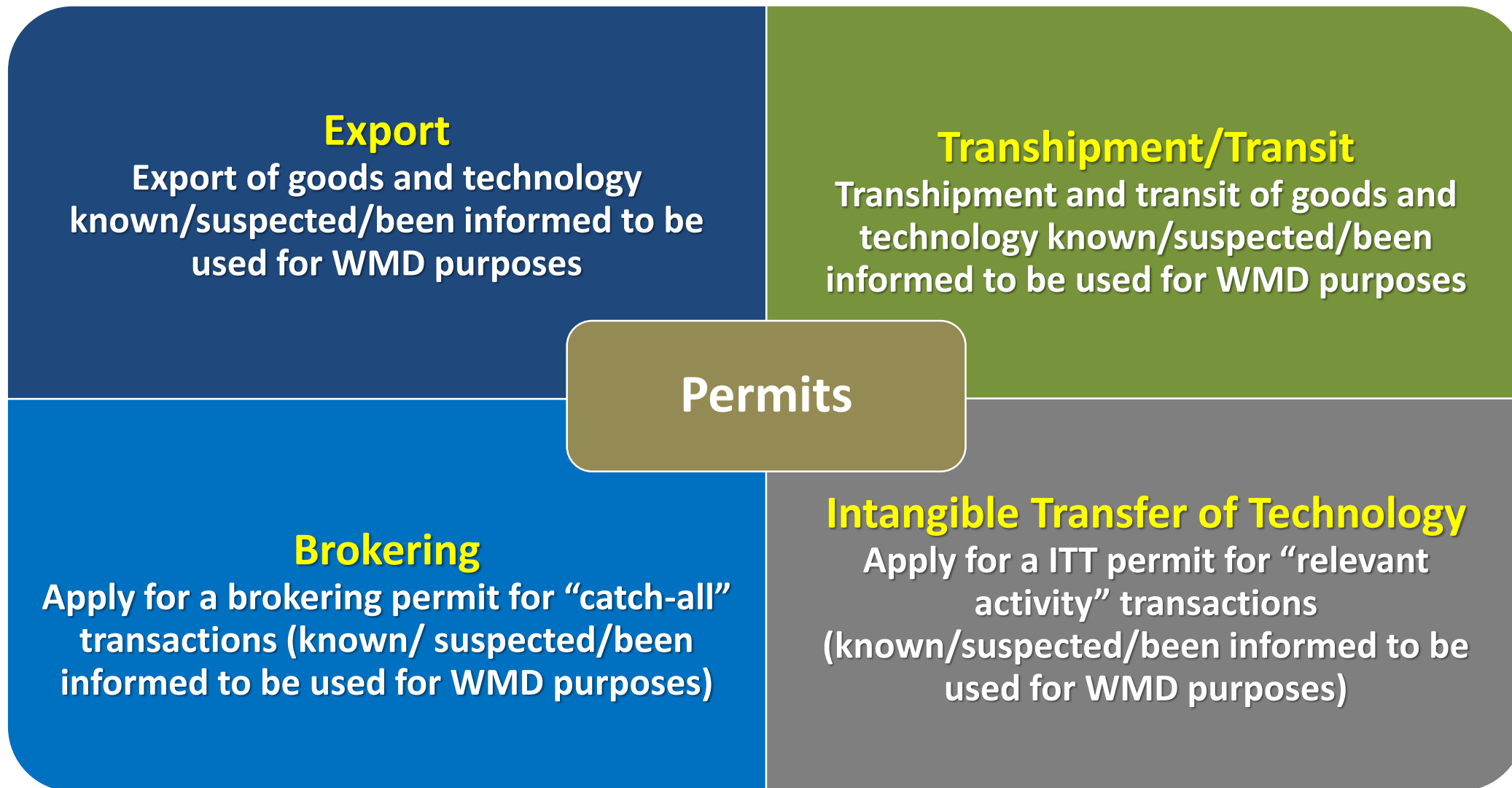
Reasons for Relevant Activity Control



Singapore's Relevant Activity Clause



Permits For “Relevant Activity”



Best Practices - Relevant Activity Compliance

Screen

- Always screen customers and end-users against denied or sanctioned parties lists prior to each sale for WMD proliferation risk.

Enquire

- When in doubt, enquire more details on the end use of the items.

Assess

- Assess the sale transaction for WMD proliferation risk.

Inform

- Inform Customs if you know or suspect that your items may be or likely to be used for relevant activity.

Submit

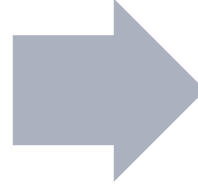
- Submit to Customs either an application to seek preliminary advice on strategic goods transaction or a permit application for relevant activity.



Best Practices - Relevant Activity Compliance

Gather information about the shipment

- Consignee details
- Information on intermediaries
- Delivery information
- Item description & details (model/ CASRN, etc)
- Technical specifications



Email to
Customs_STGC@customs.gov.sg

- Include information or explanation on why you suspect that the shipment may be intended for relevant activity end-use.



Red Flags (Customer/ End User)

- Suspicious identity
- Involved in military-related business
- Listed in the UNSC sanctioned entity list
- No business background
- Reluctant to offer information
- Requests shipment or labelling of goods that are inconsistent with usual practices
- Unfamiliar with the product characteristics and end-use
- Declines routine installation, training or maintenance services



Red Flags (End-use/ Product)

- Delivery dates are vague
- Out of the way destinations
- Products do not fit the buyer's line of business
- Buyer is evasive and unclear about the product
- The shipping route is abnormal
- The packaging is inconsistent with the stated method of shipment or destination
- Equipment is to be installed in an area under strict security control



Relevant Activity Offences

a) Has been Notified

- Did not take up a requisite permit after being notified to do so

b) Knows

- Did not take up a permit despite knowing that goods would be used for relevant activity

c) Has Reasonable Grounds to Suspect

- Did not take up a permit despite having grounds to suspect that goods would be used for relevant activity



Penalties for Offences (SGCA)

1st Conviction (per count)

- Fine for up to **\$100,000** or **3 times** the value of the goods – whichever is higher; or
- Imprisonment for up to **2 years**; or
- **Both**

2nd or Subsequent Conviction (per count)

- Fine for up to **\$200,000** or **4 times** the value of the goods – whichever is higher; or
- Imprisonment for up to **3 years**; or
- **Both**



Thank You

