



Constraints Imposed on International Nuclear Trade by Nuclear Export Control Regimes

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International Trade Principle

Principle : International trade exchanges should flow as smoothly, predictably and freely as possible

Within the guidelines defined by WTO
(GATT, GATTS, TRIPS agreements)

Derogation : Strictly defined and exceptional
Established by international agreements

Derogations usually based on

- Quotas (steel, cereals, textiles)
- Health protection (food and mouth disease, influenza)
- Protection of cultural goods (national treasure)
- International Security (trade embargos)

Article XXI of the GATT Agreement

Established 5 exceptions for security reasons

- Information exception
- UN embargoes exception
- War and emergency exception
- Arms and related items exception
- Nuclear materials exception

1. Information exception

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed

- (a) *to require any contracting party to furnish any **information** the **disclosure** of which it considers contrary to its essential security interests;*

Used by the USA against Czechoslovakia : *provides that a contracting party **shall not be required** to give **information** which it considers contrary to its security interest – and to the **security interest of other friendly countries** – to reveal the names of the commodities that it considers to be most strategic*

2. UN embargoes exception

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed

- (c) *to prevent any contracting party from taking any action in pursuance of its obligations under the United Nations Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security.*

Brazil's 1994 notification on import licensing notes “that the import licensing system of Brazil applies for good entering from or exported to any country except for those covered by UN embargoes”

Cyprus “notes that imports from certain countries are prohibited in accordance with United Nations resolutions”

United Nations Charter

Article 39

The **Security Council** shall determine the existence of any threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression and shall make recommendations, or decide what **measures** shall be taken in accordance with Articles 41 and 42, to maintain or restore international peace and security

Article 40

The Security Council may decide **what measures** not involving the use of armed force are to be employed to give effect to its decisions, and it may call upon the Members of the United Nations to apply such measures. These may include complete or **partial interruption of economic relations** and of rail, sea, air, postal, telegraphic, radio, and other means of communication, and the severance of diplomatic relations

Embargoes decided by the UN Security Council

List of states under UNSCR embargoes : Libya, Belarus, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Burma Myanmar (Burma), Democratic Republic of Congo, Serbia and Montenegro, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Croatia, Somalia, Haiti, Sudan, Iran, Syria, Iraq, Terrorist groups (foreign terrorist organisations), Ivory Coast, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), Uzbekistan, Lebanon, Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), Liberia, Zimbabwe, Al Qaeda, Usama bin Laden and Taliban

Items covered by UN embargoes could be rather different:

- Embargo on **arms** and **related** materials;
- Ban on exports of equipment for internal repression;
- Ban on provision of certain **services**;
- Restrictions on admission;
- **Freezing** of **funds** and economic resources of certain persons who constitute a threat to the peace and national reconciliation process;
- Import ban on diamonds;

Some embargoes could be decided unilaterally by States or group of States

UE : China, USA, Iran (nuclear) :

3. War and emergency exception

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed

(b) to prevent any contracting party from taking any action which it considers necessary for the protection of its essential security interests

*(iii) taken in time of war or other emergency in international relations;
or*

*“the history of the Arab boycott was beyond doubt related to the extraordinary circumstances to which the Middle East area had been exposed. **The state of war** which had long prevailed in that area necessitated the resorting to this system. ... In view of the **political character** of this issue, the United Arab Republic **did not wish to discuss it within GATT.** ... It would not be reasonable to ask that the United Arab Republic should do business with a firm that transferred all or part of its profits from sales to the United Arab Republic to an enemy country”*

Used also by EU during **Falkland War** (1982) and **Yugoslavian War** (1991)

Does not necessarily mean that this article concerns sole actions aiming at **prevention or eradication** of certain conflicts:

- Adoption of the **US Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act** (Helms-Burton Act) was considered as a potential action referring to “other emergency in international relations”
- **Access to essential medicines**, pandemics such as HIV may pose fundamental threat to the very existence of vulnerable societies

4. Arms and related items exception

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed

- (b) *to prevent any contracting party from taking any action which it considers necessary for the protection of its essential security interests*
 - (ii) *relating to the traffic in **arms**, ammunition and **implements of war** and to such traffic in other goods and materials as is carried on directly or indirectly for the purpose of supplying a military establishment;*

- Used by the United States at the beginning of the Cold War in order to impose an embargo on export of strategic goods (200 entries) to Czechoslovakia
- Based on Wassenaar Arrangement, Zangger, NSG lists of strategic items

5. Nuclear materials exception

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed

- (b) *to prevent any contracting party from taking any action which it considers necessary for the protection of its essential security interests*
 - (i) *relating to fissionable materials or the materials from which they are derived;*

Interpretation

- **Minimum** : exempts only “national security essential interests” related restrictions
Nuclear trade could be restricted for “non-proliferation concerns”
- **Maximum** : exempts all nuclear trade restrictions
Nuclear trade could be limited to ensure/protect national energy needs

International Nuclear Trade Exchanges Principle

The trade principle is overturned

- Principle : Prohibition
- Trade : Exception

All nuclear transfers are submitted to (export) authorisation

- Might even lead to prohibition of specific technologies : suppliers “should restrain themselves” to transfer some “sensitive technologies”

Why is it so ?

Nuclear trade is ... Victim of the Original Sin

First developments of nuclear applications were devoted to the elaboration of an **explosive device**

WWII, Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Consequence: nuclear is essentially considered as **military** technology rather than an energy with large **peaceful** applications

1946 : US imposed a trade prohibition on all nuclear technologies

Adoption in July 1946 of the Atomic Energy Act (McMahon Act) establishing a program **restricting the dissemination of information** inside and outside the country

Motivation : if potential peaceful application of nuclear physics could be developed, it **could not be split** from military one

Nevertheless US prohibition regime appeared rapidly to be :

1. Ineffective to counter nuclear weapons proliferation

US principal political competitor and allies have succeeded to elaborate and test a nuclear explosive device (USSR 49, UK 52)

2. Politically damageable

Soviet Union was developing large peaceful application of a nuclear research program and was **ready to share** it with its allies and with any potential allies

3. Commercially damageable

Conditions of supply required by States developing their civil nuclear programs were less constraining than those imposed to US industries

Production of isotopes for medical use

1953: US reversed its strategy by initiating a sharing policy

Principle : International exchanges of nuclear technologies are possible **IF** and **ONLY** fissile materials produced or transferred are under adequate safeguards

Atoms for Peace Plan presented by the President Dwight D. Eisenhower in December 1953:

Open **access** to (US) **peaceful** nuclear applications in exchange of the submission by the end-user of adequate **safeguards** assumed by the supplier State or by an international organisation

Between 1956 and 1962, Atoms for Peace Plan provided research reactors, training and fissile materials to 26 countries

Difficulties raised by the new sharing policy initiated by Atoms for Peace

Absence of common guidelines and conditions of supply required by different suppliers

- On **safeguards**;
- On **criteria**;
- On the **list** of goods and technologies;

Therefore India, Israel, China,... were supplied by different suppliers under different conditions of supply

Balancing the sharing policy by Multilateral Export Control Regime

Avoidance that US technologies could be transferred directly or indirectly to a **Warsaw Pact member** or another sensitive country, such as **China**

The establishment of a **multilateral export control regime** was suggested to **NATO** members

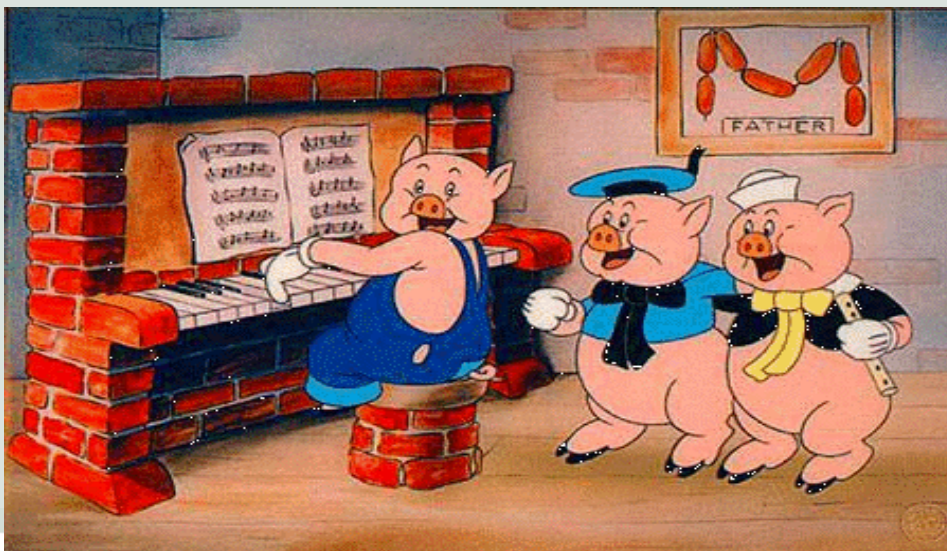
- The Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (**COCOM**) was created in 1950
- Principle was to ban the export of **sensitive** items, mostly military related ones, to Warsaw Pact members and China
- **Derogation** would have to be authorised by **consensus** of all participating States

Development of International Nuclear Export Control Regime(s) : Analysis by the evolution of lists of controlled items

Three **principles** to understand the non-understandable:

- Heterogeneous system established by successive layers
- A regime is never abolished, a new one is usually added
- From technical commitment to political one

To understand easier ...



Export control regime is one of the three houses

Straw, Sticks and Bricks

The wolf in pig's clothing



The pigs are ... the list of nuclear materials, equipments and technologies

Once upon the time ...the COCOM (1956)

Adopted the so-called “strategic list” which included a **list of nuclear items** submitted to export authorisation

Covered material, equipment and technology “**especially designed**” or “**designed**” for the use of nuclear energy

Nevertheless, China succeeded to build a weapon

The house of sticks : NPT (1968) and Zangger Committee (1974)

Adopted a list of nuclear materials, equipments and technologies (especially designed for), the export thereof will **trigger** a requirement of **safeguards** by the supplier

But India, Israel succeeded to build weapons

The house of bricks : The Nuclear Suppliers Group (1978)

Disclosure of **Iraqi nuclear weapons research program** at the end of the first Gulf War

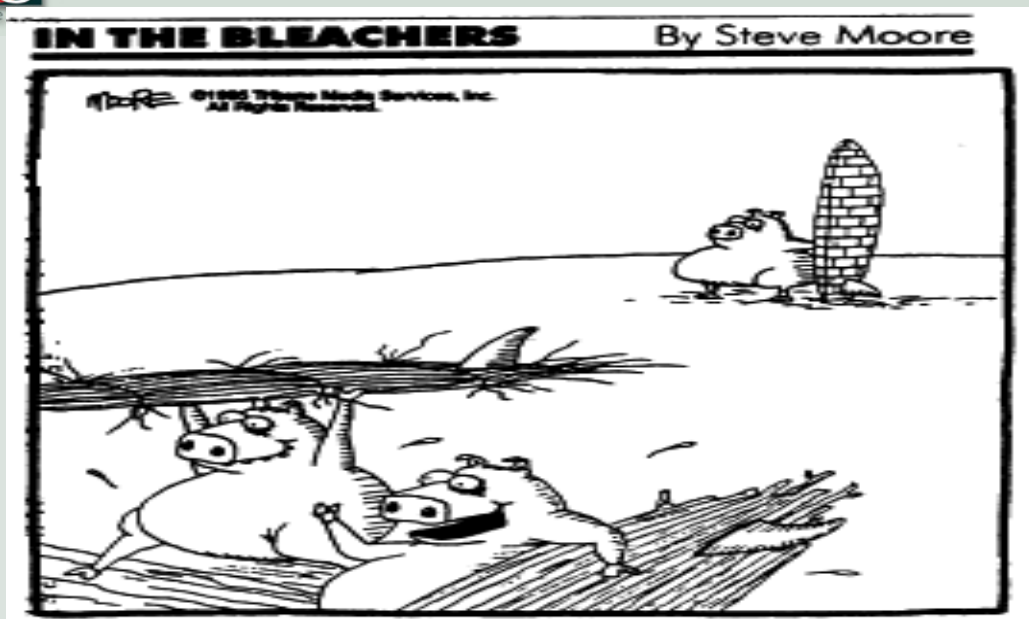
Adoption of new list of items : “**dual-use items**”

Equipment, material and technology which have **both** nuclear and non-nuclear applications and could make a significant contribution to an unsafeguarded nuclear fuel cycle or nuclear explosive.

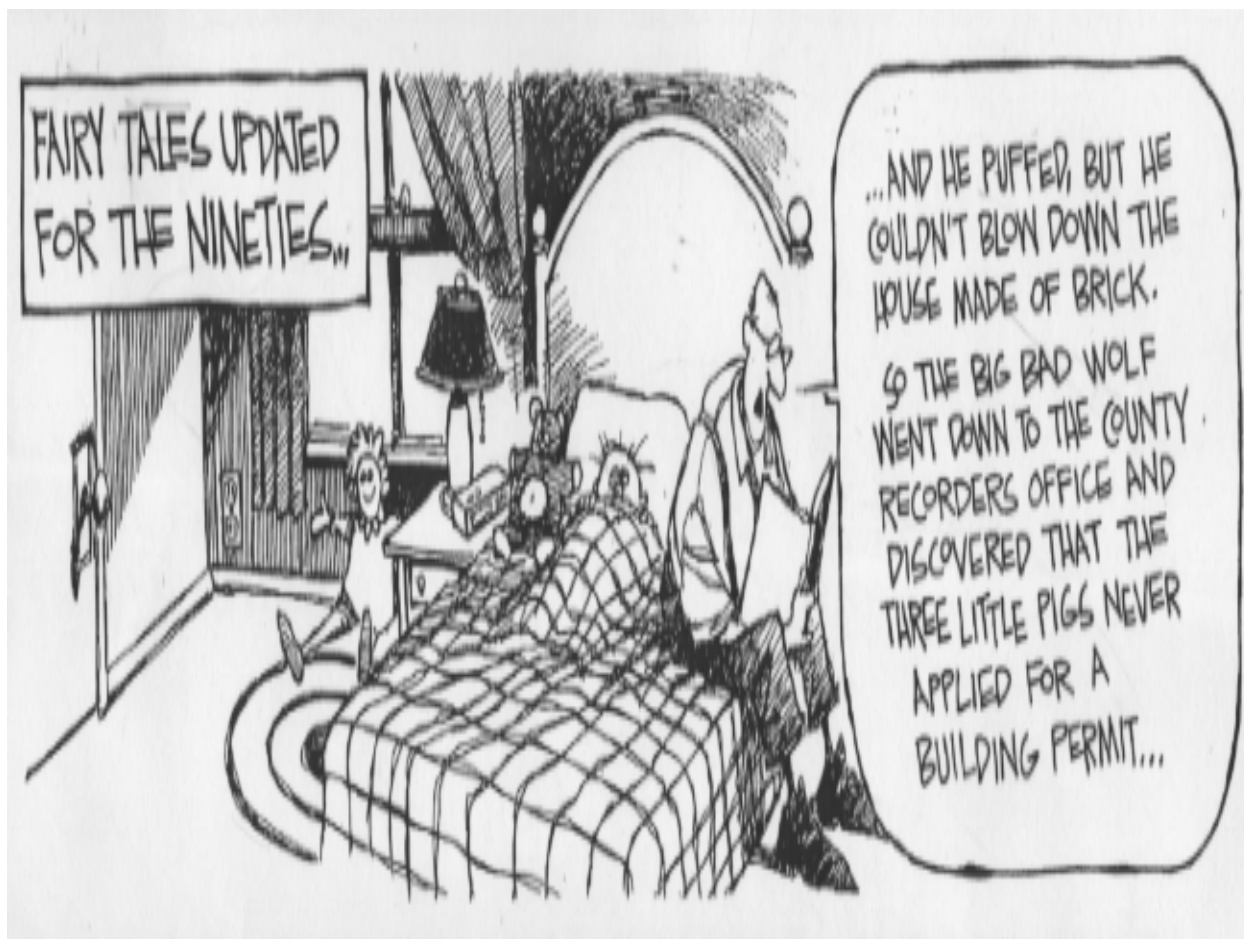
The list was adopted by NSG in 1992 and by Wassenaar in 1996

But new non-proliferation concerns have been raised since the adoption of dual-use list by the NSG:

And if fundamental principles on which nuclear export control regimes were based are not adequate to fight the nuclear weapons proliferation?



The pig watched his two friends run into the surf with boards made of straw and sticks. Later however, his smug sense of security - along with his board of bricks - vanished in about 40 feet of water.



The Future : Controlling of **not** listed items

Regimes based on lists have shown their limits :

1. **Delays** necessary for updating the list

List is often below the last level of technology development

Between **6 and 12 months** to obtain a consensus and a few more to implement it at the national level

International lists of controlled items have to be **inserted** into national export control regulations

- Most of international export control regimes are not legally binding

2. Inadequacy of technical parameters

Could be countered by importing items which have technical parameters just **below** the one of the controlled items

- The upgrading could be operated with more or less success by the recipient according to its level of technology development

How ? via catch-all clauses

Principle : focusing on the **final/potential** end-users more than on item itself

- In its common use, the item does not present a high proliferation risk but in **certain cases** it could contribute to a WMD program;
- Requiring an authorisation for all exports would be **useless** due to the number of transactions;
- Export authorisation would be required only on case-by-case basis and for **dedicated end-users**;

Catch-all clause is essentially implemented by National Authorities

Two levels:

Catch-all I requires an authorisation for the transfer of non-listed items when the exporter is **informed** by its competent National Authorities that the items in question may be intended, in their entirety or part, for use in connection with nuclear weapons research program

Catch-all II and III require that if the **exporter is aware or has grounds for suspecting** that non-listed items are intended to contribute to nuclear weapons activities; he must notify his authorities which **will decide whether or not** it is expedient to make the export concerned subject to authorisation

Elements of an Export Control Regime

Preliminary Remarks:

1. Nuclear Export Control Regime is largely ruled by **informal regulation** (soft law)

- One/two formal international acts : NPT, UNSCR 1540 and 1887
- Several informal acts: Zangger Committee, NSG, Wassenaar Arrangement

Difficulty: Political commitment usually requires an adoption of national regulation instruments to implement it. Always a risk of an incomplete implementation or an “à la carte” implementation

2. Nuclear Export Control Regime : Mix of International, Regional and National legislations and bodies

- NPT, European Regulations, National Regulations and sometimes Sub-national Regulations
- IAEA, European Commission, National Agencies,...

Export Control Regime should normally integrate three elements:

1. **Authorisation** system to analyse the export/transit/import applications
2. **Control and verification** system to verify the end-users and the use of the items transferred
3. **Sanctions** to penalise infringements

What do we have ?

- **Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**
Cornerstone of the regime
- **UNSC 1540 and 1887**
Called for the establishment of an efficient national export control regime
- **Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG):**
 - Guidelines for Nuclear Transfers ([INFCIRC/254/Rev.8/Part.1](#))
 - Guidelines for Transfers of Nuclear-Related Dual-Use Equipment, Materials, Software, and Related Technology ([INFCIRC/254/Rev.7/Part.2](#))
- **Zangger Committee**
Guidelines for nuclear transfers (Trigger List: INFCIRC/209/Rev.2)
- **Wassenaar Arrangement**
 - Guidelines and procedures
 - List of Dual-Use Goods and Technologies
- **Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) and International Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation**

**The Resolution 1540 (2004) Adopted by
the Security Council on 28 April 2004**

Principles

- Adopted to **reinforce** international and national instruments to counter the risk of WMD acquisition by non-state actors
Not specifically dedicated to dual-use items
 - Establishes **principles**, essential elements of a national export control regime
 - Does not establish **lists** of items to control
No definition of WMD
 - **Peer review process** to evaluate the implementation of the Resolution
- 1540 Committee, 156 States have submitted a report

States' commitments

Resolution established three groups of commitments

1. Commitment to not support WMD proliferation

1. *All States shall refrain from providing any form of support to non-State actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery*

- Focus on Non-State Actors (not like the NPT)

Defined as: *individual or entity, not acting under the lawful authority of any State in conducting activities which come within the scope of this resolution*

- Concerns all WMD and missiles

Defined as: *missiles, rockets and other unmanned systems capable of delivering nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons, that are specially designed for such use*

2. Commitments to adopt an appropriate National Export Control Regime

« *All States, in accordance with their **national procedures**, shall adopt and enforce **appropriate effective laws** which prohibit any non-State actor » to elaborate WMD « *in particular for terrorist purposes, as well as attempts to engage in any of the foregoing activities, participate in them as an accomplice, assist or finance them* »*

« *All States shall take and enforce effective measures to establish **domestic controls** to prevent the proliferation* » of WMD, « *including by establishing appropriate controls over related materials* »

Related materials

Materials, equipment and technology covered by relevant multilateral treaties and arrangements, or included on national control lists, which could be used for the design, development, production or use of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery

Appropriate effective laws

Controlling export, transit, trans-shipment and re-export and controls on providing funds and services related, appropriate criminal or civil penalties for violations

Domestics control measures

Physical protection, accounting system, end-user controls, border controls, law enforcement

3. International cooperation and assistance

Reinforce dialogue and cooperation on non-proliferation so as to address the threat raised by proliferation of WMD

Commitments within the framework IAEA and Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention

Providing assistance to States in implementing the provisions of the Resolution

Legal grounds for most of EU WMD outreach programs

The Resolution 1887 (2009) Adopted by the Security Council on 24 September 2009

Principles

- Adopted to **reinforce** the principles of UNSCR 1540
- Broader field of implementation concerns *All situation of non-compliance with non-proliferation obligations*
 - Not limited to Non-State Actors
 - Not limited to WMD even if focuses essentially on nuclear non-proliferation
- Appoints itself the role of **primary responsibility** in addressing the threats of non-proliferation
 - The Security Council which will determine if that situation constitutes a threat to international peace and security*

Dedicated to nuclear non-proliferation

- *Calls upon States to adopt stricter national controls for the export of sensitive goods and technologies of the nuclear fuel cycle*

First formal call to reinforce control on sensitive items

Introduced two “UN conditions of supply”

*Encourages States to require as a condition of nuclear exports that the recipient State agree that, in the event that it should **terminate**, withdraw from, or be found by the IAEA Board of Governors to be in non-compliance with its IAEA safeguards agreement, the supplier state would have a **right to require the return** of nuclear material and equipment provided prior to such termination, non-compliance or withdrawal, ...*

Appears to be drafted more like criteria even if it sounds like condition

*Encourages States to consider whether a recipient State **has signed and ratified an additional protocol based on the model additional protocol in making nuclear export decisions;***

**Export control commitments
required by the NPT**

Export of nuclear equipment and technology is essentially **concerned by one provision** (Article III.2) :

NPT Parties take the commitment not to **provide**:

- (a) source or special fissionable material, or*
 - (b) equipment or material especially designed or prepared for the processing, use or production of special fissionable material,*
- to any non-nuclear-weapon State (NNWS) for peaceful purposes, unless the source or special fissionable material shall be subject to the **safeguards** required by this Article*

What does it mean ?

Article III.2 establishes **two principles** to be implemented by the supplier State :

1. To control the transfer to **NNWS** (as defined by Article IX.3) of a **non-defined list** of items
2. To submit the export of nuclear items to the condition that fissile materials, being used in the facilities where the items are to be transferred, would be submitted to **safeguards**

To clarify those commitments some States Parties established an informal instrument known as **Zangger Committee** (1978)

- Adopted a **list** of materials, equipments and technologies (INFCIRC/209)
- Defined that **IAEA safeguards** required by Article III of the NPT are those defined by the INFCIRC/153 also called Comprehensive Safeguards

Commitments imposed by the Nuclear Suppliers Group

Most important **informal instrument** regarding the control of nuclear transfers

Included all major potential suppliers except India, Israel and Pakistan

Not an international nuclear export control regime but established **common understanding** of export control principles that each participating State shall introduce into its national export control regime

NSG Field of Implementation

Two lists of controlled items

1. Items that are especially **designed or prepared for nuclear use** (trigger list):
 - Nuclear **material**;
 - Nuclear reactors and equipment therefore
Non-nuclear material for **reactors**;
 - Plant and equipment for the reprocessing, enrichment and conversion of nuclear material and for fuel fabrication and heavy water production and;
 - **Technology** associated with each of the abovementioned items;

2. Nuclear related dual-use items and technologies (items that can make a major **contribution** to a unsafeguarded nuclear fuel cycle or **nuclear explosive activity**, but which have as well **non-nuclear uses** in chemical industry for instance)

6 categories :

- Industrial equipment,
- Materials,
- Uranium isotope separation equipment and components,
- **Heavy water** production plant related equipment,
- Test and measurement equipment for the development of nuclear explosive devices,
- Components for nuclear explosive devices.

One Catch-all

Includes only the principle established by the Guidelines and concerns items in connection with a nuclear explosive activity

*5. Suppliers should ensure that **their national legislation** requires an authorisation for the transfer of items not listed in the Annex if the items in question are or may be intended, in their entirety or in part, for use in connection with a “nuclear explosive activity.”*

Suppliers will implement such an authorisation requirement in accordance with their domestic licensing practices.

*Suppliers are encouraged to **share information** on “catch all” denials.*

NSG Export Authorisation

Fundamental principle : all items of the trigger and dual-use lists should be submitted to a **national export authorisation**

Exception for “sensitive items” defined as “items usable for nuclear weapons”

- Transfers are not prohibited but suppliers are **invited** to “restrain” their transfers
- If enrichment or reprocessing facilities suppliers should encourage recipients to accept, as an alternative to national plants, supplier involvement and/or other appropriate **multinational participation** in resulting facilities

Proposal still under discussion to **ban** such transfers and limit the possession of enrichment and reprocessing facilities to the present “technology holders” (with full scale and functioning facilities)

NSG Export authorisation criteria

Criteria for nuclear items (trigger list) :

1. The non-proliferation principle

Suppliers should authorise the transfer only **when they are satisfied** that it would not contribute to the proliferation of nuclear **weapons** or any other nuclear explosive **devices** or to an act of nuclear **terrorism**

Principle largely criticised by non-participating States due to its “**subjective**” aspect

2. Restrain the transfer of items :

If there are potential risks of retransfer due to the **failure** by the recipient State to develop and maintain appropriate, effective national export and transshipment controls as identified by UNSCR 1540

NSG criteria for transfers of dual-use items

- Recipient **Party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)** or to a similar international legally binding nuclear non-proliferation agreement, and has an **IAEA safeguards agreement in force** applicable to all peaceful nuclear activities;
- Recipient **non-Party to the NPT and has facilities** subject or not to IAEA safeguards;

- Items transferred are **appropriate for the stated end use** and whether that stated end use is appropriate for the end-user;
- Items **linked** to reprocessing or enrichment facility;
- **Policy of the recipient State** supports nuclear non-proliferation and whether the recipient State is in compliance with its international obligations in the field of non-proliferation;

- Recipients have been engaged in **clandestine** or illegal procurement activities;
- Transfer was not authorised to the end-user or whether the end-user has **diverted** for purposes inconsistent with the Guidelines any transfer **previously** authorised;
- Risk of diversion to acts of nuclear **terrorism**;
- **Risks of retransfer due to the failure by the Recipient State to develop and maintain appropriate, effective national exports and transshipment controls as identified by UNSCR 1540**;

Conditions to authorise the transfer (trigger list)

- 1. End-user State should have brought into force an agreement with the IAEA requiring the application of CSA**

Two complementary formal recipient governmental assurances should be provided if the above-mentioned agreement should be terminated.

1. the recipient will **bring into force an agreement with the IAEA** based on existing IAEA model safeguards agreements requiring the application of safeguards on all trigger list items or related technology transferred by the supplier or processed, or produced or used in connection with such transfers
 2. if the IAEA decides that the application of IAEA safeguards is no longer **possible appropriate verification measures** should be elaborated.
- If the recipient does not accept these measures, it should allow at the request of the supplier the **restitution** of transferred and derived trigger list items

Exceptions (nuclear trigger list items)

1. **Grandfather clause:** commitments of the supplier linked to contracts signed before its NSG membership

2. **Safety clause** : transfers to a non-nuclear-weapon State when they are deemed essential for the safe operation of existing facilities and only if safeguards are applied to those facilities

Before granting such authorisation suppliers should inform and, if appropriate, consult in the event that they intend to authorise or to deny such transfers

Used twice by Russia in 2001 and 2006

Other conditions supply (trigger list)

2. Submission of **government-to-government assurances** requiring similar export **condition** of supply:

- In case of **retransfers** of the items originally exported
- **Contamination principle**: transfer of items derived from facilities originally transferred, or with the help of equipment or technology originally transferred by the supplier

Mechanism similar but not equivalent to the US *De Minimis* Clause

3. Submission of **government-to-government assurances** that the prior consent of the supplier will be required:

- In case of transfers or retransfers of items to States which do not require **CSA** as a condition of supply
- In case of transfers or retransfers of items related to **enrichment, reprocessing, heavy water production** or material usable for nuclear **weapons**
- For enrichment facility, or any other facility based on such technology the design or the operation for the **production of greater than 20% enriched uranium**

Conditions to authorise of the transfer (dual-use)

- A statement from the end-user specifying the **uses and end use** location of the proposed transfers;
- An assurance explicitly stating that the proposed transfer or any replica thereof will not be used in **any nuclear explosive active or unsafeguarded nuclear fuel cycle activity**;
- An assurance that the **prior consent** of the supplier will be required before transferring any dual-use items to a State not adhering to the Guidelines;

Sanctions

Consultation mechanism between Participating States in case of doubt on violation of the supplier/recipient understanding of the Guidelines

Explosion of a nuclear device, illegal termination or violation of IAEA safeguards,...

Possibilities to **suspend** transfers of trigger list items to States in breach of their safeguards obligations

The suspension could be decided from the first IAEA investigation in case of suspicion of serious breaches of safeguards obligations

**The Indian exception:
when the exception denies
the rule**

Established formally by INFCIRC/734(corrected)

The decision adopted at the extraordinary plenary session of September 6th, 2008 authorises NSG States Parties to export to India **trigger list and dual-use** items

At each plenary Participating States have to **notify approved transfers** to India of trigger list items (not dual-use)

Participating States **could** also inform other Participating States of their **bilateral nuclear cooperation agreements** concluded with India

Presently following States have concluded nuclear agreements with India: US, France, Russia, Canada, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Namibia

In exchange of an access to nuclear technology, India commits itself to:

- **Separate** civilian nuclear facilities from military ones;
- Conclude a **CSA** (including the Additional Protocol) with the IAEA for the application of safeguards to civilian nuclear facilities;
- **Refrain** from transfers of enrichment and reprocessing technologies to States that do not have them and **support** international efforts to limit their spread;

- Institute a national **export control system** capable of effective control of multilaterally controlled nuclear and nuclear related items;
- **Harmonise** its export control regime with the Guidelines of the NSG (including adherence to these Guidelines);
- Continue its unilateral **moratorium** on nuclear testing and its readiness to work towards the conclusion of an FMCT

NPT requirements and India

India :

- **Not a NPT legally recognised Nuclear Weapons State as defined by Article IX**

No possibility to establish a tailor-made safeguards agreement similar to the 5 Nuclear Weapons States

China (INFCIRC/369), Russia (INFCIRC/327),
France (INFCIRC/290), UK (INFCIRC/263),
USA (INFCIRC/288)

CSA requirement for any transfers from any NPT State Party

CSA is based on the principle that all facilities and not only a dedicated list provided by the end-user shall be submitted to safeguards

Before 1995 transfers to India were authorised if covered by dedicated safeguards agreement (INFCIRC/66)

UNSCR 1887 requirements and India

2. Calls upon States Parties to the NPT to comply fully with all their obligations and fulfil their commitments under the Treaty;

*4. Calls upon all States that **are not Parties to the NPT** to accede to the Treaty as non-nuclear-weapon States so as to achieve its universality at an early date, and pending their accession to the Treaty, to adhere to its terms;*

To conclude...

“Who wants to be consistent? The dullards and the doctrinaire, the tedious people who carry out their principles to the bitter end of action, to the reductio ad absurdum of practice. Not I” (Oscar Wilde)