

Key terms and concepts in the Export Control Decision Flowchart

The following terms used in the flowchart are provided in alphabetical order.

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Educational material: Information concerning general scientific, mathematical or engineering principles commonly taught in universities or information in the public domain.

Fundamental research: Basic and applied research in science and engineering at accredited institutions of higher learning in the U.S. where the resulting information is ordinarily published and shared broadly in the scientific community, as distinguished from research the results of which are restricted for proprietary reasons or specific U.S. Government access and dissemination controls.

Items: Any *tangible things, equipment or hardware*.

Information: Includes *technical data* such as models, formulae, engineering designs and specifications, or *technical assistance* such as training or instruction.

Prohibited enduse: Design, development, production, stockpiling or use of a nuclear explosive device, chemical or biological weapons, or missiles.

Public domain: Information and research results already published and actually available through libraries, bookstores, newsstands; trade shows, meetings, and/or seminars open to the public; websites open to the public; or courses listed in the university catalog of a general nature.

Restricted party: Individuals and organizations considered to be threats to national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States and included on one or more of several lists of denied and restricted persons.

Sanctioned country: Countries designated as having limited or comprehensive trade sanctions imposed by the United States for reasons of anti-terrorism, nonproliferation, narcotics trafficking, or other reasons.

Sharing, transferring or discussing: Includes oral exchanges of information, sending information via fax, email or other media, presenting information at a conference, providing technology regarding a commodity controlled under the Export Administration Regulation, providing assistance with regard to a defense article.

Software: A collection of one or more *computer programs or microprograms* in either *source code* (programming statements) or *object code* (machine-readable instructions).

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