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Export controls Wassenaar and beyond

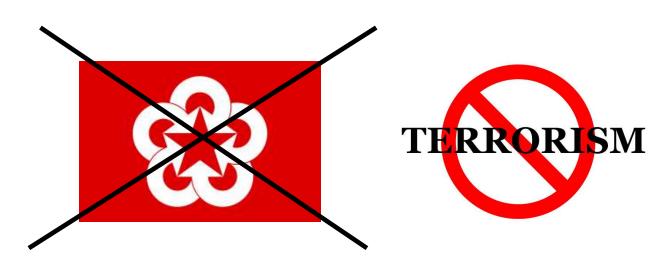
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Why export controls?

- Cold war Keep Comecon, i.e. Soviet Union and allies, behind
- Post cold war Prevent military destabilization and terrorism
- Tomorrow Protect Human Rights



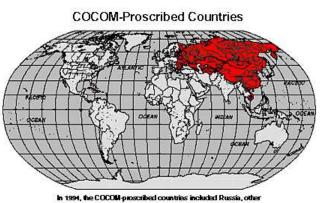


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CoCom

- 1949 1994
- 17 member states NATO countries, Australia, Japan
- Embargo on Comecon countries
- Both military and dual use lists including cryptography
- Enforcement through blacklisting



saw Rect nations, and the People's Republic of China.



1994 - 1996



- CoCom goals no longer relevant new threats
- Wish to engage more countries, including former targets, e.g. Russia
- Need for higher transparency and level playing field
- Decision March 1994 in Wassenaar, NL, to continue using CoCom control lists

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Wassenaar Arrangement

- Since 1996
- Today 42 member states
- Based on CoCom lists including cryptography
- Member states include lists in national (or EU) legislation
- Control ≠ Prohibition
- Enforcement national responsibility





Cryptography control exceptions

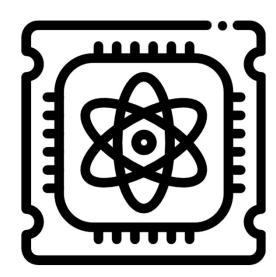
- Mass market items
- Short key algorithms
- Authentication, signatures, ...
- Ancillary cryptography
- Bluetooth, DECT, ...
- Some OAM crypto
- Bespoke IoT components





Future Wassenaar controls?

- Quantum computers
 - Low noise amplifiers
 - Cryogenic cooling
 - Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor (CMOS) integrated circuits
 - Isotopically enriched Silicon and Germanium
- Laser communication
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What about TETRA and Wassenaar?

- "Wassenaar required weak algorithms"
- Wassenaar requires nothing. Wassenaar only decides items that member states are supposed to put under control.
- "TEA1 was weakened to stay below control limits"
- No, TEA1 was finalized in 1996. Control limits were first introduced in 1998.
- "Today TEA1 can be freely exported since it is (allegedly) weak"
- No, control limits only based on key length, not algorithm strength.





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WA challenges and limitations

- Current membership
 - Wassenaar operates by consensus
 - Outreach and inclusion



- Intangibles
 - Harmonise framework for Cloud services standards help!
 - Harmonise framework for standards discussions
- Pace and source of innovation

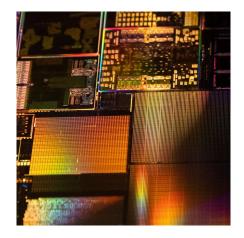
Current policy concerns

- Economic security, strategic autonomy
- Civil-military fusion
- Human rights and humanitarian law violations

Current responses

Advanced semiconductor and supercomputing

- US adopted controls first
 - Advanced semiconductor
 - To China
 - Semincon and supercomputing fabs
 - Awaiting updated rule with laas provisions
- NL and JP adopted controls too
 - Semiconductor manufacturing equipment
 - Not related to one country



Human Rights

- EU article 5 on exports of unlisted cybersurveillance items
- US UN guiding principles on export of surveillance to governement
- Export Control Human Rights Initiative

Rise of Sanctions regime



Effectiveness and compliance bility of controls

End-use/r-based controls

- Subjective, unleveled playing field and effectiveness
- Requires manual intervention and skilled personnel
- Governments and controlling authorities have better quality data and insights

Listed entities and persons controls

- Objective, possible automation
- Room for more global adoption and harmonization

List-based controls

- Multilateral controls are more effective
- Must be based on clear cut control criteria standards help!
- No negative unintended effect on technology
- Some controls also need to be removed.

Duplicate jurisdiction

- Allies should work towards reducing extraterritorial controls between each other to lighten compliance burden for administrations and industry.
- Multiplication of legal instruments other than export controls and sanctions





The bridge to possible