

EGADD “Information Pod” at DSEI 2025

Members are informed that, once again, it is planned for EGADD to have an information “pod” (stand number N5-335 in the ADS Pavilion) at the biennial Defence and Security Equipment International exhibition, which is due to take place at the Excel Exhibition Centre in London Docklands on Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th September 2025. The EGADD stand should be staffed throughout the exhibition by export control experts; if any EGADD Members are planning on attending DSEI 2025, they are warmly encouraged to pop by the stand and pose any queries that they may have with the experts who will be on duty at the event.

Also, at DSEI 2025 will be the ECJU’s own stand (N8-100), and, again, Members are warmly encouraged to pop in to visit that stand, which will be staffed by UK Government officials from a range of departments related to the UK’s export control system.

EGADD Main Meeting

It is proposed that this year’s annual Main Meeting will be taking place in a hybrid form on **Wednesday 5th November** (subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee). The draft agenda for this meeting is still being compiled, but it is currently envisaged that delegates should have the opportunity to discuss the latest topical news on export and trade control issues with subject matter experts, covering key subjects such as:

- Overview of EGADD’s activities over the last 12 months, and plans for 2026;
- An Overview of UK Export Controls;
- Implementation of LITE;
- Wassenaar Arrangement update;
- End-Use Controls and Duer Diligence;
- Intangible Transfers of Technology;
- “Countries of Concern”; and
- AUKUS update.

Further details of this event will be published as soon as they become available at: <https://www.adsgroup.org.uk/events/>.

Employment Opportunities in the Strategic Export Controls Arena

Members are reminded that EGADD offers a service whereby anyone with any vacancies within the discipline of export and trade controls can advertise any potential employment opportunities on the EGADD website, at: <https://www.egad.org.uk/news/job-opportunities/>.

Latest UK Government Strategic Export Controls Annual Report

The Department for Business and Trade published the UK’s Strategic Export Controls Annual Report for the period January to December 2024. This is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-strategic-export-controls-annual-report-2024>. During 2024, the Export Control Joint Unit processed 15,464 Standard Individual Export Licence (SIEL) applications, completing 60% within 20 working days.

Useful Websites:

www.pmdtc.state.gov/	www.strategicexportcontrols.org/
www.davidhayes-exportcontrols.com	www.export-consultancy.co.uk
www.importexportsolutions.co.uk	www.techuk.org/
www.adsgroup.org.uk	www.siaed.org
www.strongandherd.co.uk	www.export-controls.co.uk
www.gov.uk/government/organisations/export-control-organisation	
www.gov.uk/browse/business/imports-exports/import-and-export-controls	

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News: Update on the Implementation of AUKUS

The AUKUS comprises of 2 “Pillars” and has been designed to facilitate close cooperation between Australia, the UK and US on a broad range of defence capabilities. Pillar 1 is focused on conventionally-armed nuclear-powered submarines, whilst Pillar 2 is focused on a number of different high-technology capability areas such as: cyber capabilities, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, additional undersea capabilities, hypersonic and counter-hypersonic capabilities, electronic warfare, innovation, and information sharing; however, this will not preclude the potential adding at a later date of further capability areas, if deemed necessary. Naturally, it has been clearly identified that the successful delivery of such an ambitious multinational development and production initiative will require the need to address a number of perceived practical barriers, especially including the three nation’s export control systems, to enable the frictionless flow of defence technologies between the three nations.

The DSEI 2025 exhibition in London will be effectively used to move forward the links that have been developing between the three nations since September 2021, with a number of meetings and briefings taking place during the four days, as well as the organising of an AUKUS Pavilion on which SMEs from the three nations will have the opportunity to promote themselves.

In terms of the Authorised User Community, after some frustrating delays in the processing of UK applications (in contrast to the situation in Australia), there are now an increasing number of approved UK AUC Members. It has been recognised, however, that there are a number of areas where the current AUC is still a bit wanting and in need of strengthening – these include Academia and the Freight Forwarding sectors, and EGADD has facilitated engagement between the UK MoD and the Higher Education Export Control Association (HEECA) and the British International Freight Association (BIFA) to try to see how this might be able to be addressed effectively.

EGADD is working with the UK MoD to try to assist in the promotion of the AUC and the AUKUS-related compliance changes to try to encourage as many entities as possible to try to make use of them. The AUKUS is an evolving initiative, rather than one that is set in stone, and the only way in which it can evolve in Industry-friendly ways is if companies try to make use of it and report their practical experiences (both good and bad) to the relevant governments. Already, there are a number of very promising success stories of the wide-ranging positive experiences that companies have been having, including some in unexpected areas, such as the deployment of staff.

The Implementation of LITE

By the end of 2024, the ECJU had implemented LITE so that it was able to cover the vast majority of individual licence applications, and the LITE Development Team has spent 2025 moving on to develop the LITE system further so that it can take on the other areas, such as Open General Licences, Open Individual Licences, F680s/F1686s, and trade control licensing. The Government/Industry Working Group which had operated briefly in early-2024 has been resurrected, and will remain in being until March 2028, at least, to provide Industry input into the further development of LITE.

It is in everyone's best interests to try to ensure that the implementation of LITE is as smooth and successful as possible, and the newly-resurrected Working Group is intended to play a key role in trying to enable this to happen.

Export Controls "Agony Aunt" AUKUS Special

The latest event that EGADD held, in close collaboration with Squire Patton Boggs, took place on 12th August and it revealed a number of persistent misunderstandings about the details of these changes, which are less than helpful.

These include (amongst many others):

- The US DoD Review of AUKUS is an indication that the US Government is about to withdraw from its support for and involvement in the initiative, which, going forward would have to change its name to AUK – **WRONG – the on-going review, to be completed sometime in the Autumn, is merely to assess how to maximise the benefits of the AUKUS initiative**
- You can only use the export control changes if you are working on a project directly associated with AUKUS, and not for anything else – **WRONG – the ITAR Exemption 126.7 is not merely related to AUKUS-focused programmes, but is nationality-based, and any UK entities can make use of these changes even if what they want to do is not directly associated with AUKUS**
- The AUC application process is too onerous for most SMEs (why on Earth the UK MoD agreed to slip the question in about the name, date of birth and inside leg measurement of the best friend at school of your grandparents' godparents in the 800-page questionnaire I really do not know!) – **WRONG – EGADD actually assisted the UK MoD to test the application process with a number of SMEs and even micro-SMEs to ensure that the process is not too onerous**
- You HAVE to use the Open General Licence (AUKUS Nations) rather than any other licences – **WRONG – UK firms can make use of any other licence mechanisms, provided tat they are relevant to what they want to do and they do not have to use the new OGL**
- The Excluded Technologies List effectively removes from the equation whole swathes of technological capabilities from coverage by the changes – **WRONG – there are large areas associated with items on the ETL which are permissible, and AUC Members need to read the ETL in detail to understand it properly rather than assuming that it prohibits what they want to try to do**
- Dual and Third Country Nationals employed by UK AUC Members have to be excluded from being involved in any projects – **WRONG – that is incorrect, and the 126.18 Dual and Third Country Nationals ITAR Exemption can still be used to facilitate that, including the Exchange of Notes between the DDTC and the UK MoD that enables the use of the UK's Baseline Personnel Security Standard system to enable this.**

Clearly a lot of work is still needed to be undertaken to try to address these (and a number of other) misunderstandings!!

ECJU LITE Survey

EGADD has been contacted by the ECJU, in response to some consultation inputs that we have been providing to them on potential improvements that could be made to the LITE electronic licensing system.

One of the themes that has come up repeatedly in the sessions they have had with EGADD (and with other exporters) has been editing of applications. ECJU is going to put team resources into addressing the main issues that are affecting exporters. To do this, ECJU would like to have some feedback from exporters to understand which of the issues are the most significant ones. Therefore, they have produced a brief (3 minute) survey which asks respondents to prioritise the issues.

It's a very short survey, but the ECJU hopes that is might help to delivering meaningful solutions for the most important issues faced by exporters when they're editing their licence applications on LITE.

The survey expired on 4th September 2025, and ECJU will wait to receive details of the conclusions

Sanctions Compliance Survey

Deloitte is working with His Majesty's Government on sanctions compliance. Through engagement with industry, Deloitte aims to help HMG:

- 1) Better understand UK industry perceptions of sanctions compliance, and
- 2) Identify ways to support confidence and compliance by UK industry.

In April/May of 2024, Deloitte released an industry-wide survey to gather perceptions of compliance with UK sanctions – the UK Sanctions Perceptions Survey. Since then, HMG has implemented improvements aimed at making compliance with UK sanctions more simple and straightforward for industry. Many of these connect with industry responses in the first survey.

In September 2025 Deloitte launched a follow-up survey to seek UK Industry's views on the ease of sanctions compliance following these developments. EGADD is assisting Deloitte in these efforts. The survey takes approximately 20-30 minutes to complete and includes a mix of multiple-choice and open-ended questions, allowing you to provide detailed feedback.

Your participation will be completely anonymised. HMG will not receive any information that identifies you or your organisation. Deloitte will aggregate and report the data to HMG in a fully anonymised format.

Please complete the survey by **23:59 BST on 3 October 2025** using the link below.

<https://survey.zohopublic.eu/zs/F5a3Zx>

This year's ECJU Annual Symposium

The Export Control Joint Unit will be hosting its annual Symposium on **Wednesday 15th October** in London. The agenda is currently in development and will be finalised closer to the date. It will include updates from ECJU's operational and policy teams, a look back on the previous year as well as a look forward to the next 12 months. Further details are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/export-control-training-bulletin/export-control-training>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

US Export Control Workshops
Stratford-upon-Avon, 15-17 September
<https://www.adsigroup.org.uk/events/us-export-controls-compliance-training-workshop-2025/>

The Fundamentals of U.S. Export Control Regulations
Washington DC (US), 16-18 September
<https://contentenablers.com/live-events/seminars/fundamentals-of-us-export-control-regulations/washington-dc-september-2025/>

Defence Exports
London, 22-24 September
<https://www.smgconferences.com/defence/uk-conference/defence-exports>

UK Trade Sanctions Enforcement, Evasion in the Trade Space and Voluntary Disclosures
London, 2 October
<https://www.adsigroup.org.uk/events/hybrid-event-uk-trade-sanctions-enforcement-evasion-in-the-trade-space-and-voluntary-disclosures/>

ECJU Annual Symposium
London, 15 October
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SIA's Fall Advanced Conference
Arlington (US), 27-28 October
www.siaed.org/events

EGADD Annual Main Meeting
Hybrid (physical in London), 5 November
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Sanctions and Export Compliance in the UK
London, 5-6 November
<https://nielsonsmith.com/events/export-compliance-in-the-uk-conference/>

Sanctions, Anti-Corruption and Export Controls Compliance in the Middle East
Riyadh (KSA), 11-12 November
<https://nielsonsmith.com/events/sanctions-anti-corruption-export-controls-compliance-conference-in-the-kingdom-of-saudi-arabia-25-26-november-2024-riyadh-ksa/>

Export Control Forum
Brussels, 14 November
https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/events/expo-rt-control-forum-2025-2025-11-14_en

WorldECR Export Controls and Sanctions Forum
London, 19-20 November
<https://www.worldecr.com/forums/london/>

2026
US Export Controls in Europe
Düsseldorf (Germany), 3-4 February
<https://nielsonsmith.com/events/sanctions-export-compliance-in-europe-conference/>

PLUS, keep an eye on:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/export-control-training-bulletin>