

Membership Updates – October 2024

Register for ECJU Higher Education LITE Session – 21st November

The LITE team at the **Export Control Joint Unit (ECJU)** are hosting a webinar aimed at those from within the Higher Education sector, applying for Standard Individual Export Licence (SIEL) applications on LITE.

Time: 11:00 – 11:45am GMT

Location: Webinar, MS Teams

To register, please fill in the following [form](#) where you will receive the invite, as well as the opportunity to submit questions before the session. Please note, if you are unable to attend, a recording of the session will be made available afterwards.

NPSA Trusted Research – NEW Implementation Scenario Videos

The UK is home to a thriving research and innovation base, which makes us a prime partner for international collaboration. This is an essential component of innovation, but it can also bring risks.

When undertaken safely and securely, with an awareness of the inherent risks (as well as the legal requirements which must be upheld), international collaboration brings endless opportunity. When entered into without consideration for legal and institutional requirements, international partnerships can pose risks to your reputation and your institution's reputation.

As part of the '[Trusted Research](#)' Campaign, the **National Protective Security Authority (NPSA)**, jointly with the **National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)**, have recently developed a [new range of learning videos for academics](#), to help raise awareness of research security risks that may arise when working with international partners, and the role you can play in effectively mitigating them.

Office of Trade Sanctions Implementation – New Unit Launched!

On 10th October, the **Office of Trade Sanctions Implementation (OTSI)** was launched as part of the UK Government's commitment to strengthening sanctions implementation and enforcement to maximise the effectiveness of the UK's sanctions regimes.

The new unit, a part of the **Department for Business and Trade**, is set to play a crucial role in helping businesses comply with sanctions with guidance and online tools, while also enhancing the UK's ability to crack down on breaches.

While **HMRC** will remain responsible for enforcement of trade sanctions on goods crossing the UK border, OTSI will lead enforcement for sanctioned services leaving the UK and trade in sanctioned goods and services involving UK businesses or individuals, globally. **OTSI** will also handle licences for certain sanctioned activities, like standalone services (e.g. professional and business services). Sanctions licensing for goods exports and related services remains with the **Export Control Joint Unit (ECJU)**.

Check out the new [website](#), or access the UK Govt. blog '[Introducing OTSI](#)' for more information.

HEECA Resources – U.S. Procurement and Compliance Methodology Legal Note Updated

With thanks to our collaborators at the **U.S. Bureau of Industry and Security** for their support and contributions, we have recently refreshed our U.S. Procurement and Compliance Methodology Legal Note to reflect most up-to-date practices.

Access the upload [here](#), or why not check out some of the other available material on our [HEECA Resources](#) page.

HEECA Virtual Government Q&A Panel – Thank You

Earlier this month, our **HEECA Virtual Government Panel** event took place, bringing together representatives from five key UK Government teams for an engaging Q&A session.

With strong attendance from **127** delegates across **71** organisations, panellists shared updates and tackled a broad range of topics in an interactive Q&A. The session highlights the ongoing collaborative efforts between our community of organisations and the UK Government, reinforcing our shared goal of safeguarding research, addressing economic security, and ensuring export control compliance.

We thank the Government teams and our delegates for making the event a success.

- **Export Control Joint Unit (ECJU)**, part of the **Department for Business & Trade**
 - **National Protective Security Authority (NPSA)**
 - **Investment Security Unit (ISU)**
 - **Research Security Policy Team** and **Research Collaboration Advice Team (RCAT)**, both part of the **Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (DSIT)**
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China's New Dual-Use Item Export Control Regulations

New regulations in China have been announced this month and are set to come into effect from 1st December, introducing tighter governance over dual-use items.

Key updates include temporary controls (of up to two years) and adjustments to the export control list, emphasised coordination between government bodies, and expanded risk assessment criteria for export restrictions.

There is also a stronger focus on international cooperation, stricter compliance guidelines for exporters, as well as a new ability to prohibit exports to specific countries or regions based on national security assessments – adding further flexibility and enforcement to China’s export control framework.

Access the full regulation release [here](#).

‘Save the Date’ for our International Friends in 2025!

Mark your calendars for upcoming events in 2025 with our international partners that you won’t want to miss!

European Export Control Association (EECARO) Annual Conference

University of Liège, Belgium

12th February 2025

Access the EECARO Conference page [here](#) to register and access the provisional agenda.

U.S. Association of University Export Control Officers (AUECO) Annual Conference

InterContinental Hotel Medical Center Houston, TX

12th to 15th May 2025

(HEECA members will be notified when agenda and registration site become available)

U.S. BIS Announces New Rules to Modernise Space-Related Export Controls

On 17th October, **U.S. Bureau of Industry and Security** announced a series of new rules in a bid to modernise space-related export controls in the U.S.

The series consists of a Final Rule, an Interim Final Rule, and a Proposed Rule, the first of which will look to remove licence requirements for exports of certain items involving remote sensing or space-based logistics, assembly, or servicing spacecraft destined for the UK, Australia and Canada.

Check out the full release [here](#).

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