

# Strategic Trade Controls: Global Trends & Economic Implications

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## Strategic Trade Controls:

- I. Economic Development: Trade and Growth
- II. International/National *Security: WMD Non-Proliferation*
- I and II Mutual Exclusion OR Mutual Reinforcement?



## Mission

- The Center for International Trade and Security at The University of Georgia is dedicated to reducing the threat to human security posed by trade in technologies and materials that underlie weapons of mass destruction (WMD).
- At the same time, the Center seeks to promote trade in related commercial technologies and commodities that underpin economic development.



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## Security & Strategic Trade Management Academy (SSTMA)

- Held twice a year, SSTMA provides a comprehensive 2week overview of strategic trade control and CBRN security concepts, issues, and standards from an international perspective.
- Established in 2006, the SSTMA has trained over 500 officials from 50 countries.
- SSTMA graduates can collect continuing education credit from the University's Center for Continuing Education.
- The majority of attendees have been generously supported by the US Department of State's EXBS Program.





## Relationship between Economics & Strategic Trade Controls



In developing strategic trade controls, states often face an *apparent* dilemma:

security at the expense of economic development

Some states only began to examine this seeming quandry following the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1540, which requires states, in part, to:

➔ "establish, develop, review and maintain appropriate effective national export and trans-shipment controls over materials related to nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons and their means of delivery."

## Relationship between Economics & Strategic Trade Controls (cont.)



- Most of these materials (i.e., "strategic) are so-called "dual-use" items and technologies and have mainly legitimate and *economically vital* commercial uses. Therefore, the mere suggestion of control implies economic limitations.
- To some degree, the *Resolution* itself anticipates these anxieties, affirming in the preamble that the

➔ "prevention of proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons <u>should not hamper</u> international cooperation in materials, equipment and technology for peaceful purposes."



## What are Strategic Trade "Controls" (STC)?

Most countries have some form of trade licensing regime (e.g., public health and safety, quotas).

STCs are a category within such licensing regimes.

"At present, licences are required for exports of 24 categories of products, including certain agricultural and fish items."

- *Trade Policy Review: Turkey,* "Trade Policies and Practices by Measure," February 2012, World Trade Organization



For example, the agreement requires governments to publish sufficient information for traders to know how and why the licences are granted. It also describes how countries should notify the WTO when they introduce new import licensing procedures or change existing procedures.

#### Import Licensing Gateway, WTO

Positively defined: STC is a system of laws and procedures that require the *licensing of trade in certain items* (e.g., dual-use) for reasons of national security, foreign policy, international obligations, and/or economic policy. 8

# What Do Strategic Trade Controls Really Require

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#### SAFE Framework, WCO

#### WCO SAFE Framework Requires:

- Integrated Supply-Chain Management
- Authorized Economic Operator
- Deployment of scanning/imaging equipment
- Data element maintenance
- Mutual Recognition

## ALL these are established best practices in STC implementation & enforcement for many years.

# **Negatively defined:** STC *do not prohibit trade* in strategic items, but merely require that they be licensed (monitored) 9



- Category 0 Nuclear Materials, Facilities, and Equipment
- Category 1 Materials, Chemicals, "Microorganisms" & "Toxins"
- Category 2 Materials Processing
- Category 3 Electronics
- Category 4 Computers
- Category 5 Telecommunications and "Information Security"
- Category 6 Sensors and Lasers
- Category 7 Navigation and Avionics
- Category 8 Marine
- Category 9 Aerospace and Propulsion

## Dual-use = products, technologies and materials that simultaneously have civilian and military (WMD) applications. 10



## Licensing Data





EUROPEAN COMMISSION Brussels, 17.1.2013 SWD(2013) 7 final COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT Strategic export controls: ensuring security and competitiveness in a changing world - A report on the public consultation launched under the Green Paper COM(2011) 393

"A relatively low percentage of exports are subject to compulsory formal export authorization: based on licenses granted, it can be roughly estimated that licensed dual-use exports of goods represent approximately 1 to 2 % of exports out of the EU."

http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2013/february/tradoc\_150459.pdf <sup>12</sup>

## Advanced Technology Products (ATP)



US Census Bureau & UN Comtrade

Technology Field	Example of Products				
Biotechnology	Vaccines for human medicine, vaccines for veterinary medicine				
Life Sciences	Magnetic resonance imaging apparatus, electrocardiographs, artificial joints				
Opto-Electronics	Rangefinders, stereoscopic microscopes, lasers other than laser diodes				
Information & Communications	Personal computers, facsimile machines, communications satellites, camcorders				
Electronics	Particle accelerators, semiconductors, smart cards				
Flexible Manufacturing	Industrial robots, thermostats, semiconductor manufacturing equipment				
Advanced Materials	Optical fiber cables				
Aerospace	Turbojet aircraft engines, new multi-engine airplanes				
Weapons	Guided missiles, self-propelled artillery weapons				
Nuclear Technology	Nuclear reactors, uranium compounds enriched in U235				



### High-Technology Exports: Select Regions, 2000-2011 (% of manufactured exports)



#### Source: The World Bank, 2013

## **Commodity Chains and Added Value**



Technology Transfer through Trade is a Key Driver in Rising in Value Added Economic Activity



"In the development of global value chains, some observers have depicted this process not as a linear one, but rather as a "Smiley Face" where the center of value creation in the manufacture or assembly of a product is flanked on either side by higher value-added services activities."

- The Shifting Geography of Global Value Chains: Implications for Developing Countries and Trade Policy, World Economic Forum, 2012

# Vertical Specialization (Fragmentation of Production): Boeing 787 Example

"An important phenomenon over the last half century has been the increase in the trade in parts and components, and the related international fragmentation of production accounting for a large part of the superior growth of trade compared with GDP."

World Trade Report, 2009 (WTO)





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## Relationship between Economics & Strategic Trade Controls (cont.)



- Now that all nations are expected to impose similar types of trade controls, new questions are being asked about whether the apparent economic trade-off is real and how it will impact national development objectives.
- Remarkably, the *exact* nature of the relation between trade controls and economic vitality has not been rigorously examined to date.
- In order to address concerns that economic development is negatively affected by adopting controls, we must examine <u>how</u> trade controls impact a national economy.

## UGA Study (2010): The Economic Impact of Adopting STCs

- Unlike earlier studies, the study examined trade controls from *both* importing & exporting perspectives
- Particular sensitivity to imports as a measure of technology transfer
- Technology transfer is an indispensable metric for understanding the reluctance to adopt strategic trade controls:
  - concerns regarding technology transfer denial issues
  - concerns about curbs on national economic development

Assessing the Economic Impact of Adopting Strategic Trade Controls



U.S. Department of State Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation Office of Export Cooperation

By Scott Jones and Johannes Karreth

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http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/156673 .pdf





## The Study (cont.)

- Two hypotheses were tested using data on trade in advanced technology products (ATP) to and from the United States and the EU-15.
  - \* Why ATP? Long, complicated story having to do with the lack of a Rosetta Stone for HS and ECCNs.

*Hypothesis 1:* When countries introduce comprehensive export control systems, they regularly experience a decline in exports and imports of technology products, holding all else constant.

Hypothesis 2: When countries introduce comprehensive export control systems, they do not experience any significant change in exports and imports of technology products, holding all else constant.



## The Study: Results

- In the available sample of countries Trade in ATP consistently demonstrates that trade was <u>not</u> negatively impacted by the enactment of strategic trade controls legislation.
- This finding is robust in the univariate development of ATP trade and using several specifications with potential predictors of ATP import/export volumes.





STCs may provide assurances to:

- Exporting government (e.g., licensed trade)
- Supply chains
- Investors:
  - **OIP Protection**
  - **O** Unsanctioned (re-)tranfers

## **Technology Transfer and Exporter Assurances**



Source: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), February 2011, Asian Export Control Seminar 22



## STCs and Investor Sentiment

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PwC in the New	5	Guru Speak: Better export controls will open a door to that prosperity   This article appeared in the March 3, 2010 issue of the The Nations.   By Paul Sumner   ASIAN ECONOMIES are generally recovering well from the economic turmoil of 2008/9 and confidence seems high that Asia will experience another economic boom in the next two to five years.   Whether due to its rapidly expanding and maturing regional markets or its reliability as a cost efficient base for manufacturing, Asia is well placed to prosper from the gradual recovery of other economies too. Asia's massive semi-conductor industry, often cited as a barometer of wider business sentiment, forecasts strong demand/growth in coming months. As demand for electronic products continues to rise globally, so will Asia's prosperity. Besides China and India, Asean countries such as Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines are also likely to prosper.   As Asian countries compete to stimulate new local businesses and attract big multinationals, many						
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".... when multinationals in an affected industry want to move capabilities such as manufacturing and R&D to Asia from another country, they often consider the associated security issues. The existence of an export-controls regime in a country is therefore often a key factor in their choice of location."

# Source: http://www.pwc.com/th/en/press-room/column-article/2010/guruspeak-25-03-2010.jhtml

## **Case Study: Mexico** Economic Growth and the Development of STC



2006 – President Calderón initiated economic plan focused on hi-tech, export-driven growth

- Remarkable parallel effort to develop a comprehensive STC system in less than 18 months
- Jan 2011 Mexico became the 41<sup>st</sup> member state of the Wassenaar Arrangement (WA).
- Nov 2011 Mexico joined NSG
- 2013 will possibly join AG



"Industry pushed GOM hard to adopt STC for FDI attraction purposes."

- Presentation by the Ministry of Economy, Mexico City, September 2011

An increasingly high technology-capable private sector emphasized the critical role STC play in economic growth, including via technology transfers and foreign direct investment (FDI).



## Regional Example: ARF and CSCAP - ICPs



CO-CHAIRS' SUMMARY OF ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM (ARF) EXPORT LICENSING EXPERTS MEETING Singapore, 17-18 Nov 2005

#### AGENDA ITEM 6: HOW TO FACILITATE LEGITIMATE TRADE IN EXPORT CONTROLS

Singapore presented a system (Approved Company Scheme) which recognizes companies and organizations with an effective internal compliance program.

#### Participants discussed

- the benefits and challenges of an Internal Compliance Program and the means to effectively develop such a program.
- the use of internal company watch lists in their licence processing and other issues related to penalties on non-compliance.
- the benefits of bulk permits in the facilitation of legitimate trade and the importance of carefully balancing trade and security interests.



CSCAP Memo: Guidelines for Managing Trade of Strategic Goods March 2009

- Governments & industry should create *incentives* to encourage compliance with strategic trade systems *to promote trade*.
- All parties should seek voluntary compliance by industry, including encouragement of relevant companies to establish ICPs that incorporate checks on *end users* & *end uses* of concern, and
- governments should be ready to advise and assist them in that process.