Licensing Process Breakout Session #2

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Participants

- ▶ 10 Trade Control Systems Represented
 - 15 participants altogether
- Large number of group with direct licensing background
 - Many with specific licensing responsibility

Discussion Areas

- Identifying Main Challenge
- How structure of system impacts effectiveness
- Role of Cooperation (interagency / industry)
- Institutional and Human Capacity

Major Challenges

- Current
 - Resource Limitations
 - Inconsistent level of technical knowledge
 - Implementing catch-all
 - Controlling nonlisted items
 - Some systems too decentralized
 - Not focused on controlling strategic goods
 - Lack of automation in some systems
 - Difficult to get hard data on transactions

Major Challenges

- Current
 - Industry's demands for quick licensing times
 - How to balance with effective screening
 - Industry awareness
 - · Lack of understanding remains major issue
 - SMEs and secretarial companies note as particular problem

Major Challenges

- Up-Coming
 - Increased important of ITT controls
 - Need for linking HS codes
 - Increased high-tech commodities
 - Concerns about spare parts
 - Availability of dual-use equipment
 - More import/exports related to nuclear / oil and gas / high-tech electronics

Impact of System Structure

- Both multi-agency and single agency systems represented
 - Multi-agency meant more technical experts
 - Single agency mean more focused implementation
 - Some noted important role of automation
- Techniques for dealing with license volume included automation and bulk license

Cooperation

- Understanding of Interagency Process
 - Many systems allowed for getting input from technical experts
- Industry Outreach still critical
 - Most system still struggled with raising awareness
 - Getting multi-nationals to model
- Coordination between licensing and customs
 - Focus on how to link HS codes
 - Most systems saw coordination between licensing and customs

Building Capacity

- Increases understanding of commodities / technologies
 - Many pointed to activities like CIT
 - Usefulness depends on system however
- Increasing ability to assess risk of diversion
- Sharing of best practices critical
 - Many noted that coming to forums like this helped understand needs for setting up / improving systems