

# Challenges of Implementing Strategic Goods Control



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## Outline

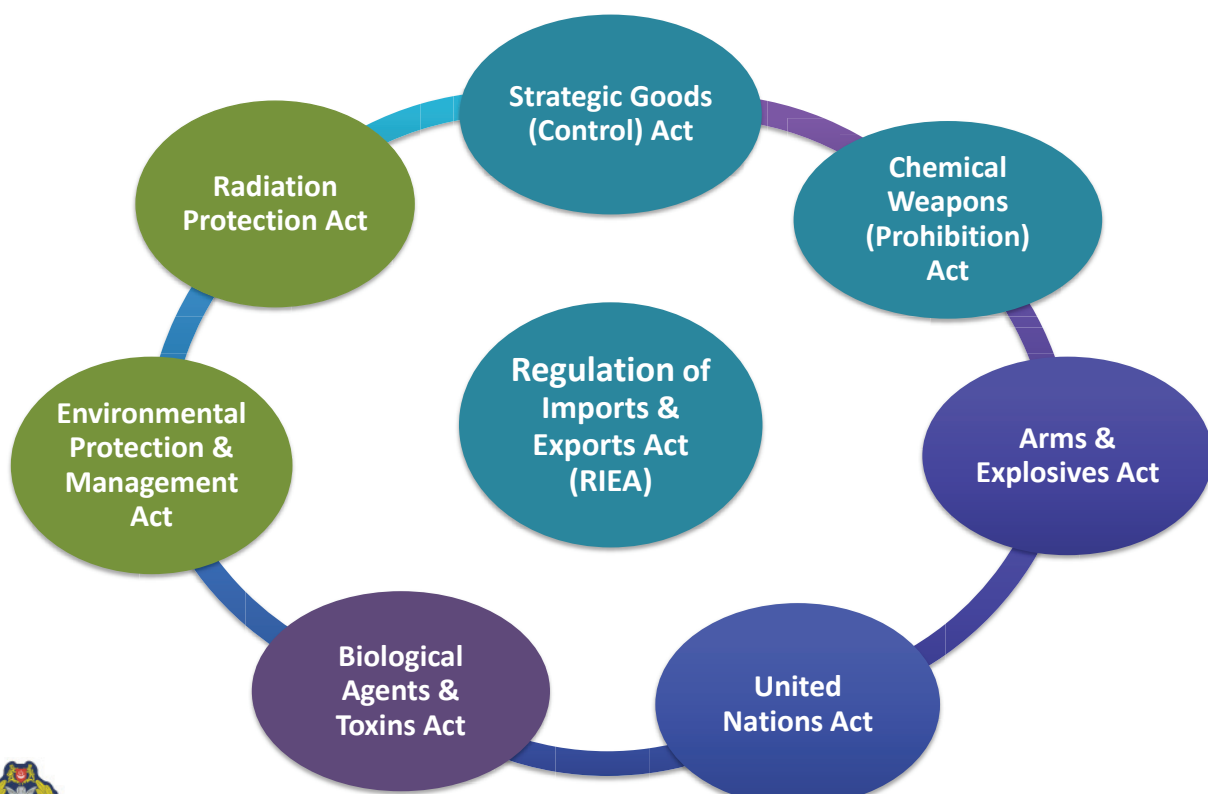
- Background of Singapore's Strategic Goods Control
- Key Challenges
  - Balance between trade and security
  - Commodity identification and classification
  - International cooperation and enforcement
  - Changing business and security landscape
  - Storage & disposal of dangerous/ nuclear materials
- Conclusion



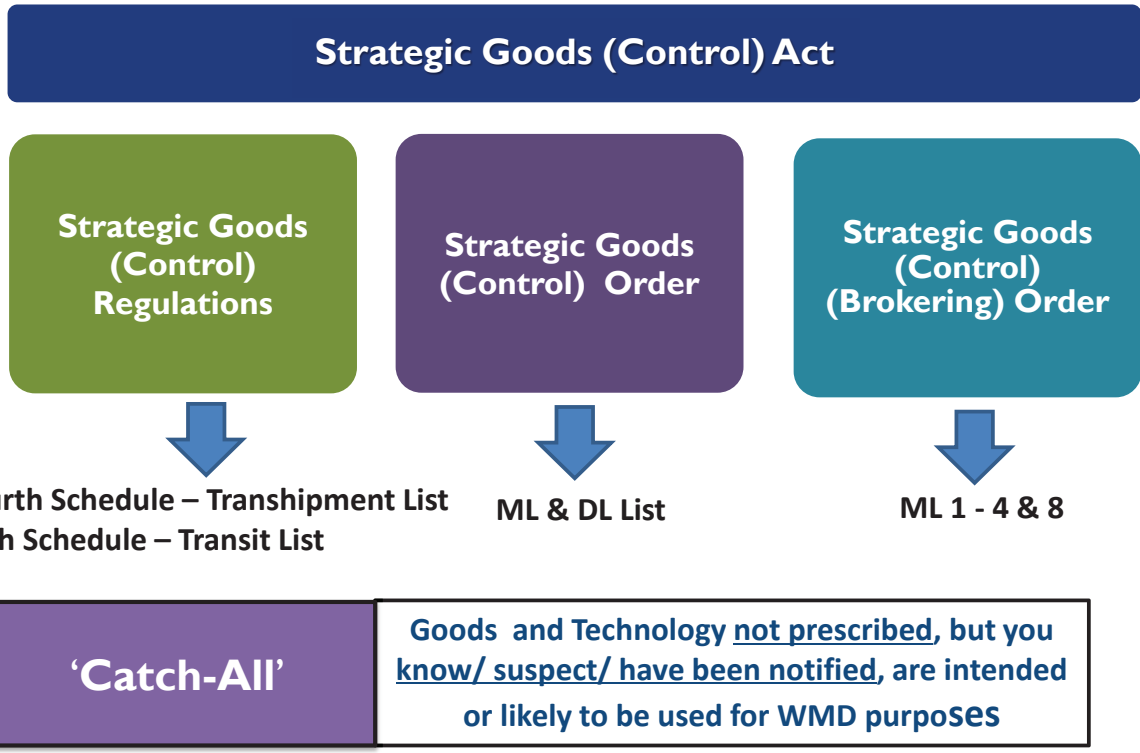
# BACKGROUND OF SINGAPORE'S STRATEGIC GOODS CONTROL



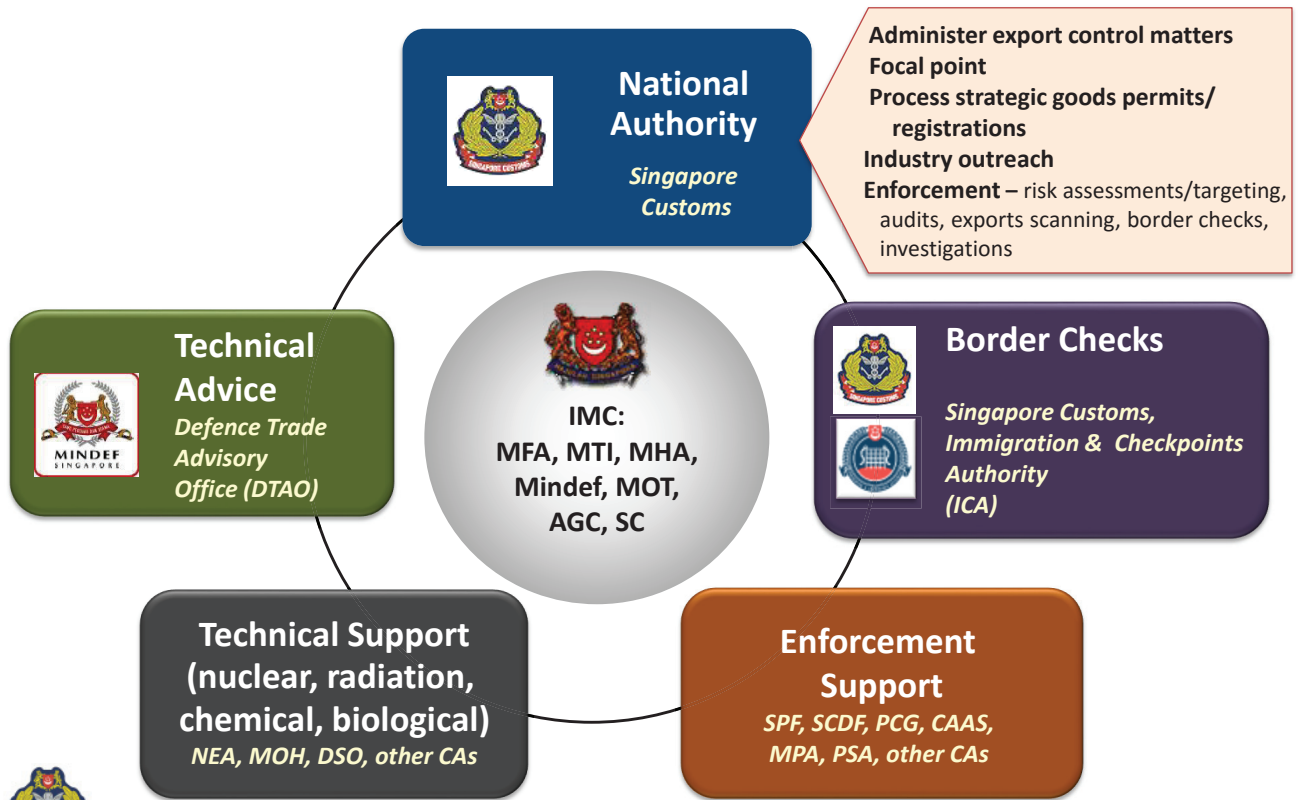
## Legislative Framework



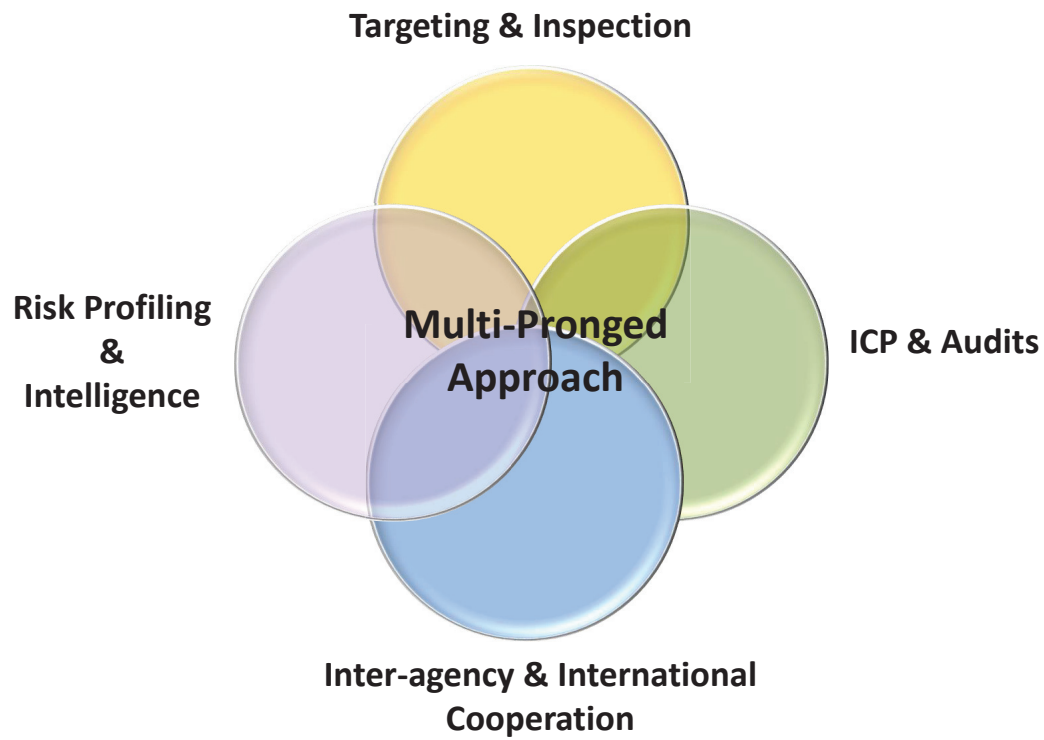
# Strategic Goods Control Act (2003)



# Inter-Ministry Committee on Export Controls



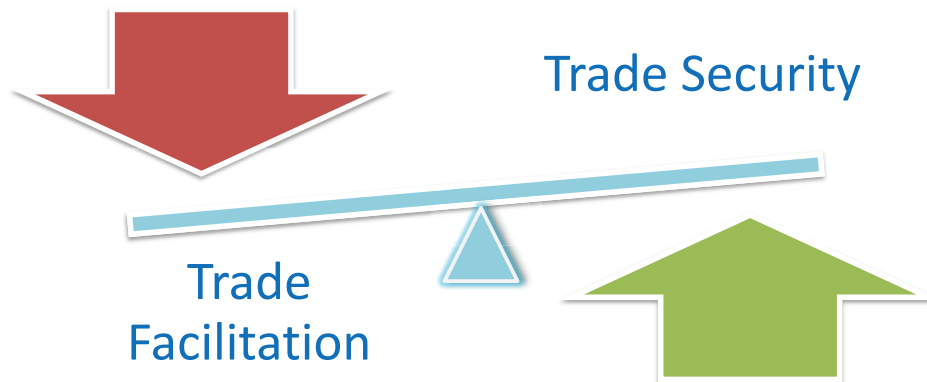
# Customs' Enforcement Approach



## KEY CHALLENGES



# Balance between Trade and Security



A need for:

- Effective risk assessment



# Commodities Identification & Classification

- Lack of technical expertise (non nuclear producing countries)
- Frontline/ground officers: Ambiguous nature of dual-use goods



A need for:

- Training and refresher course for officers
- Tapping on the expertise of various agencies & foreign counterparts



# International Cooperation and Enforcement

- Cooperation from source and receiving countries is critical for intermediary ports
- Sharing of timely, reliable and actionable information



A need for:

- Total supply chain security



## Changing Business and Security Landscape

- Multiple range of goods and technologies involved
- Different fields of expertise



A need for:

- Inter-agency cooperation
- Engagement with industry to keep abreast of latest technologies and business models
- Collaboration with foreign counterparts



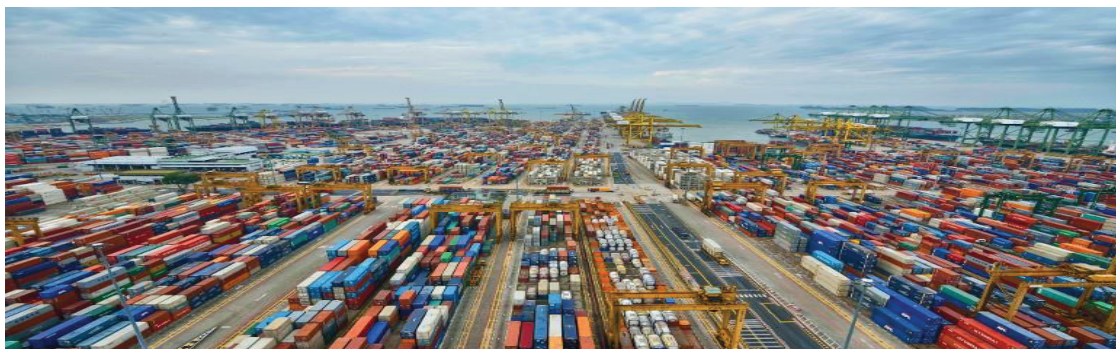
# Storage and Disposal

- Need for specialised storage and disposal facilities for some dangerous goods
- High costs incurred



# Conclusion

- Staying relevant to emerging technologies and new methods of proliferation
- Meeting needs of legitimate trade
- Ensuring a robust strategic goods control system is a continuous journey



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