

Import and Export (Strategic Commodities) Regulations (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2025 gazetted

The Government published in the Gazette today (January 17) the Import and Export (Strategic Commodities) Regulations (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2025 (Order) to amend the control list of strategic commodities set out in the Import and Export (Strategic Commodities) Regulations (Cap. 60, sub. leg. G).

A spokesman for the Trade and Industry Department (TID) said, "As a responsible trading partner and an international trading hub, Hong Kong has been updating our control lists of strategic commodities from time to time to align with the controls adopted by leading international regimes and convention of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, namely, the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies, the Nuclear Suppliers Group, the Missile Technology Control Regime, the Australia Group, the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, and the Arms Trade Treaty. The last updated control list came into effect in November 2023."

"The current amendments serve to reflect the recent updates and changes on the control lists adopted by the international regimes with respect to the technologies and items under control as well as the control thresholds in view of the international security developments, technological changes and market trends."

The Order will be tabled at the Legislative Council on January 22. The Government plans to bring the Order into effect in the second quarter of this year.

The TID will inform traders of the details of the amendments via a trade circular and through its website (www.stc.tid.gov.hk/eindex.html). Enquiries can be made to the Strategic Trade Controls Branch of the department by telephone at 2398 5587 or by email at stc@tid.gov.hk.