

The Big Table and the Trade Flow tools



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Outline

- The Big Table tool
 - Search tool on a document collection on IAEA safeguards and export controls
 - Distributed to licensing and customs authorities in the EU
- Trade Flows tool (under development)
 - Estimation of EXTRA EU flows of dual-use items
 - Context of use is the design of EU policies for export controls







The Big Table* (TBT)

- A tool to search a collection of reference documents for export controls.
- Reference documents include:
 - regulatory documents
 - technical handbooks
 - the Harmonized System
- The document collection is stored in database format and as PDF files.
- The document collection is searched either by text or by correspondence tables.
- Correspondence tables present equivalent or related items together.

^{*}Source code registered in JRC software catalogue, Nr. 2883.





It includes:

- 'Regimes' specific documents, currently:
 - Nuclear-related (Nuclear Suppliers Group + others)
 - Missile Technology Control Regime
 - Australia Group lists
- Cross-cutting documents, currently:
 - EC Reg 428/2009
 - EC Reg 388/2012*
 - Harmonized System 2002, 2012*
 - Combined Nomenclature 2012*

^{*}Document recently added to TBT. At present not fully connected to the other documents in the collection .





CROSS-CUTTING DOCUMENTS

EU Regulation on Dual-Use

----- latest*

Harmonized System by WCO

----- latest*

EU Combined Nomenclature*

Document	Access	Nr. DB records
EC Reg 428/2009 Annex I (2009)	Public	2231
EC Reg 388/2012 Annex I (2012)	Public	2289
Harmonized System (2002)	Public	6258
Harmonized System (2012)	Public	6261
Combined Nomenclature (2012)	Public	12240

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NUCLEAR (Ref. NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS GROUP)

Additional Protocol

----- handbook

Nuclear Suppliers Group 'Trigger List'

----- handbook

Nuclear Suppliers Group 'Dual-Use List'

----- handbook

Goods Review List

----- handbook

EU Restrictive Measures against Iran

EU Restrictive Measures against DPRK

Document	Access	Nr. DB records
INFCIRC 540c Annexes I, II (1997)	Public	154
INFCIRC 540 HB Annex II (2004)	IAEA	137
INFCIRC 254 1 rev10 (2011)	Public	158
INFCIRC 254 1 HB (2002)	NSG	148
INFCIRC 254 2 rev8 (2010)	Public	229
INFCIRC 254 2 HB (2003)	NSG	229
GRL Annex 3 (2002)	Public	415
GRL HB Annex 3 (1998)	IAEA	391
EC Reg 961/2010 Annexes II, IV (2010)	Public	81
EC Reg 567/2010 Annex I (2010)	Public	83





MISSILE (Ref. MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME)	Document	Access	Nr. DB records
Missile Technology Control Regime	MTCR Annex (2011)	Public	399
handbook	MTCR HB (2010)	Public	398





CHEMICAL + BIOLOGICAL (Ref. AUSTRALIA GROUP)

Chemical Weapons Precursors

----- handbook

Dual-use chemical manufacturing facilities, equipment, technology, software

----- handbook

Dual-use biological equipment, technology, software

----- handbook

Biological agents

Plant pathogens

Animal pathogens

Document	Access	Nr. DB
AG CWP (2009)	Public	63
AG CWP HB (2005)	AG	63
AG DU CHEM (2011)	Public	98
AG DU CHEM HB (2007)	AG	92
AG DU BIO (2009)	Public	18
AG DU BIO HB (2010)	AG	16
AG BIO AGE (2011)	Public	86
AG PLANT PAT (2011)	Public	19
AG ANIMAL PAT (2011)	Public	24







Correspondence tables

Aim:

- To create correspondences within a group of 'Regimes' specific documents.
- To create correspondences between 'Regimes' specific documents and crosscutting documents.

Approach:

- Experts create correspondence tables between some pairs of documents
 - **→ Native correspondences**
- Native correspondences are joined to derive correspondences between new pairs of documents
 - **→ Derived correspondences**







All correspondence tables –

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Closest Regime	Area	From	EC Reg 428/2009	EC Reg 388/2012	Harmonized System 2002	Harmonized System 2012	Combined Nomenclature 2012	INFCIRC 540c	INFCIRC 540 HB	INFCIRC 254 1	INFCIRC 254 1 HB	INFCIRC 254 2	INFCIRC 254 2 HB	GRL	GRL HB	EC Reg 961/2010	EC Reg 567/2010	MTCR	MTCR HB	AG CWP	AG CWP HB	AG DU CHEM	AG DU CHEM HB	AG DU BIO	AG DU BIO HB	AG BIO AGE	AG PLANT PAT	AG ANIMAL PAT	Origin of the correspondence Native Derived Closest Regime All NSG
All	General	EC Reg 428/2009						*	*		*		*	*	*								*		*				MTCR
		EC Reg 388/2012																											AG
		Harmonized System 2002						*		*	*	*		*	*			*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	_
		Harmonized System 2012																											
		Combined Nomenclature 2012																											
NSG	Nuclear	INFCIRC 540c	*		*						*				*														
		INFCIRC 540 HB	*							*				*															
		INFCIRC 254 1			*				*						*														
		INFCIRC 254 1 HB	*		*			*						*															
		INFCIRC 254 2			*										*														
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		AG BIO AGE			*																								
		AG PLANT PAT			*																								
		AG ANIMAL PAT			*																								





Searching by text

Example

- Search the document collection for Titles containing 'nuclear' and 'graphite'
- Matching records:

Document	Code	Title
ECReg_428_AnnexI_2009	0C004	<u>Graphite</u> , <u>nuclear</u> grade, having a purity level of less than 5 parts per million 'boron equivalent' and with a density greater than 1,5 g/cm ³ .
GRL_Annex3_2002	49.12.	Nuclear grade graphite
GRL_Annex3_HB_1998	21.	Nuclear grade graphite
INFCIRC_254_1_HB_2002	B.2.2.	Nuclear grade graphite
INFCIRC_254_1_rev10_2011	B.2.2.	Nuclear grade graphite
INFCIRC_540_AnnexII_HB_2004	2.2.	Nuclear grade graphite
INFCIRC_540c_1997	2.2.	Nuclear grade graphite
INFCIRC_540c_1997	х.	The manufacture of nuclear grade graphite.





Searching by correspondences

Example

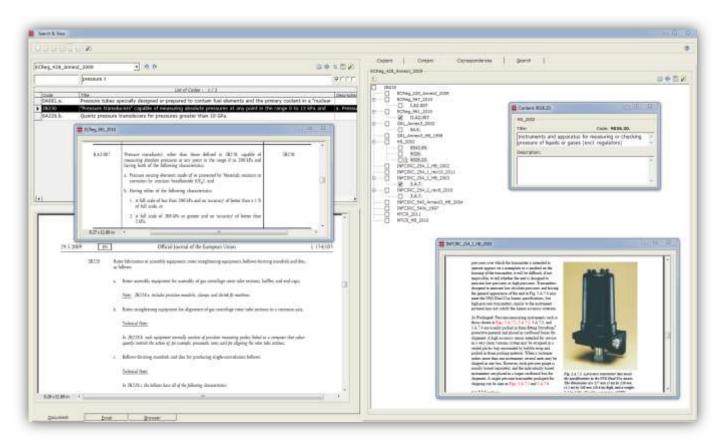
Items related to nuclear grade graphite 0C004 ECReg_428_AnnexI_2009:

Document	Code	Title
ECReg_567_2010	I.A1.020	<u>Graphite</u> , other than that specified in 0C004 or 1C107.a., designed or specified for use in Electrical Discharge Machining (EDM) machines.
GRL_Annex3_2002	49.12.	Nuclear grade graphite
HS_2002	3801.10.	Artificial <u>graphite</u> (excl. retort graphite, retort carbon and goods of artificial graphite, incl. refractory materials based on artificial graphite)
HS_2002	3801.90.	Preparations based on <u>graphite</u> or other carbon in the form of pastes, blocks, plates or other semi-manufactures (excl. carbonaceous pastes for electrodes and similar pastes for furnace linings)
HS_2002	8401.40.	Parts of <u>nuclear</u> reactors, n.e.s. [Euratom]
INFCIRC_254_1_HB_2002	B.2.2.	Nuclear grade graphite
INFCIRC_254_1_rev10_2011	B.2.2.	Nuclear grade graphite
INFCIRC_540_AnnexII_HB_2004	2.2.	Nuclear grade graphite
INFCIRC_540c_1997	2.2.	<u>Nuclear</u> grade <u>graphite</u>





TBT search interface

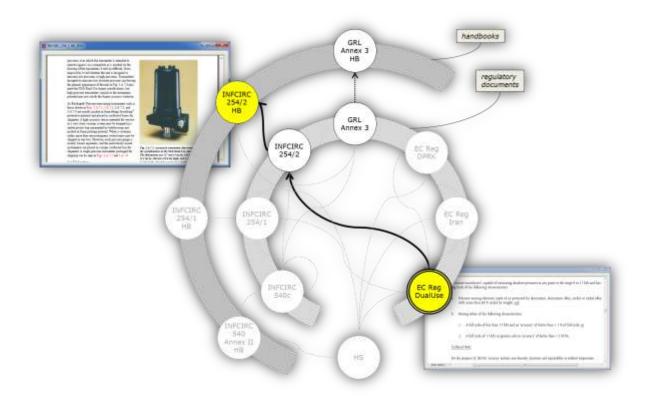






Possible uses of TBT –

Virtual handbook on EC Reg 428/2009 Annex I in support to items' rating



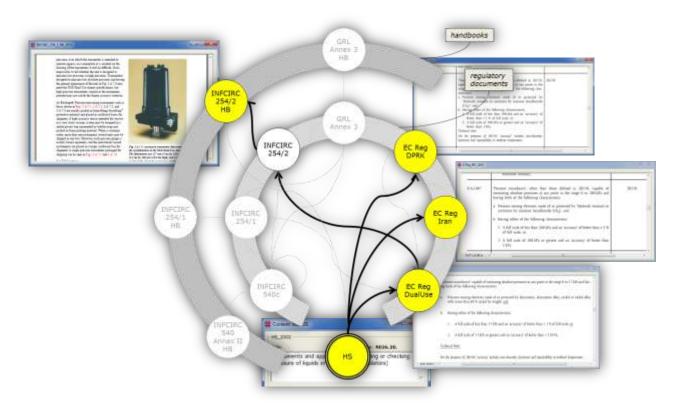






Possible uses of TBT –

Relating HS/CN customs descriptors to regulations and technical handbooks

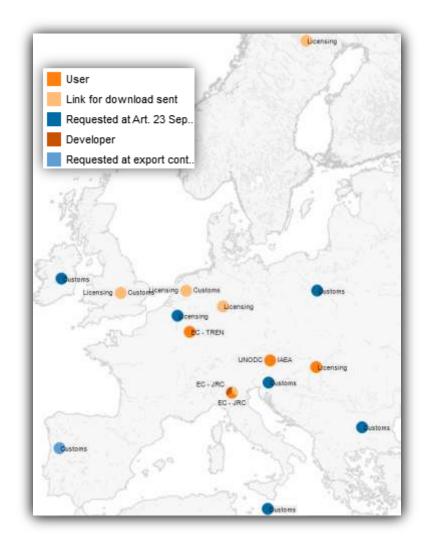






TBT diffusion

- In use at the IAEA.
- Distributed to EU Member States requesting it.
- For export licensing and customs authorities.







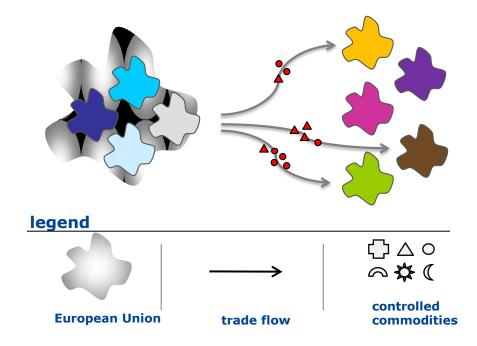
Trade flow tool — **Context**

EU export control policy definition:
 EC DG TRADE

EC Reg 428/2009:

'It is desirable to achieve a uniform and consistent application of controls throughout the EU in order to promote EU and international security and to provide a level playing field for EU exporters'.

 → Need to understand what goods are traded, towards which destinations ...







Trade flow tool — Context

- No official data exist on INTRA and EXTRA EU exports of dual-use items.
- (No established way to record the dual-use trade exist).
- License data give a partial picture, and generally the data are not shared.
- Trade data available from Eurostat (of customs origin) give upper bounds to the real dual-use trade because the data are referred to customs categories of commodities (Combined Nomenclature, CN), not directly to the dual-use (DU) ones.
- → Still: the data can prove useful to profile the EU dual-use trade for better policy implementation.





Trade flow tool — Building blocks

- Reference doc is EU Regulation on dual-use exports (388/2012, Annex I)
 - → list of dual-use items subject to export controls (Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, Missile, Wassenaar)
- Correlation table mapping DU items to CN descriptors (1033 CNs)
 → Table by DG TAXUD
 http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2012/july/tradoc_149781.pdf
- Trade data: COMEXT (external trade database) from EUROSTAT
 Bulk download facility at http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu





Trade flow tool — Approach

- Download all EU historical data related to 1033 CN descriptors.
- Store in database.
- Use a software platform* to:
 - Correlate the trade CN data with the DU categories.
 - Make the CN trade data readable from the DU categories.
 - Create views of the trade data as required by specific policy related questions.
 - (*) Tableau http://www.tableausoftware.com/





Example

Trade analysis on dual-use chemicals

CN chemicals		dual	-use chemical]			des	destination countries						
CN CODE	CN EXPLANATORY NOTE	GROUP	DU CODES	DU MEANING	UNIT	Argentina	Croatia	Iceland	ROK	Turkey	Ukraine			
29221980	Amino-alcohols, their ethers and esters; salts.	. G01	1C350.49., 1C350.53.	Diethylaminoethanol; Triethanolamine hydrochloride	Tons						I			
29225000	Amino-alcohol-phenols, amino-acid-phenols	G01	1C350.49., 1C350.53.	Diethylaminoethanol; Triethanolamine hydrochloride	Tons									
28301000	Sodium sulphides	G01	1C350.50.	Sodium sulphide	Tons									
29333999	Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero.	. G01	1C350.10., 1C350.37.	3-Hydroxy-1-methylpiperidine; 3- Quinuclidone	Tons				I					
29209085	Esters of inorganic acids of non-metals and t	G01	1C350.58.	Triisopropyl phosphite	Tons			auanti	ties tra	ded				
29055998	Halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitros	G01	1C350.15.	2-Chloroethano	Tons			quarter	1	aca				
28111100	Hydrogen fluoride hydrofluoric acid	G01	1C350.24.	Hydrogen fluoride	Tons									
29181985	Carboxylic acids with additional oxygen funct	. G01	1C350.25.	Methyl benzilate	Tons									
28371100	Sodium cyanide	G01	1C350.45.	Sodium cyanide	Tons									
28121095	Thionyl dichloride thionyl chloride	G02	1C350.9.	Thionyl chloride	Tons									
28269080	Fluorosilicates, fluoroaluminates and other co.	. G01	1C350.62.	Sodium hexafluorosilicate	Tons						1			
29211985	Acyclic monoamines and their derivatives; sa.	. G01	1C350.48.	Di-isopropylamine	Tons									
29211100	Methylamine, dimethylamine or trimethylami	. G01	1C350.16., 1C350.20.	Dimethylamine; Dimethylamine hydrochloride; Hydrogen fluoride	Tons									
29141990	Acyclic ketones without other oxygen functio	G01	1C350.39.	Pinacolone	Tons						1			
29221310	Triethanolamine	G02	1C350.46.	Triethanolamine	Tons									
292019 <u>00</u>	Thiophosphoric esters phosphorothioates and.	. G01	1C350.60., 1C350.61.	O,O-Diethyl phosphorothioate; O,O-	Tons									
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