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"EXPORT ENFORCEMENT FIVE" RELEASE JOINT GUIDANCE ON COUNTERING RUSSIA EVASION

The Department of Trade and Industry–Strategic Trade Management Office (DTI-STMO) wishes to inform the public that on 26 September 2023, the governments of the, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and the United States or the "Export Enforcement Five" issued guidance for the industry and academia in identifying items critical to Russian weapons systems. The guidance also provides action points to prevent diversion of said items to Russia though other countries.



The full guidance is available online thru this link:

https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/documents/about-bis/newsroom/press-releases/3336-2023-09-26-export-enforcement-five-quidance-for-industry-and-academia-priority-hs-codes/file.

Pursuant to this development, the Department advises all individuals, government agencies, and businesses to be updated on the current multilateral and unilateral lists of sanctioned individuals and entities and exercise due diligence in every transaction to avoid sanctionable activities imposed by the abovementioned countries. The conduct of due diligence includes, among others, checking the parties to the transactions, verifying end-use and end-users of commodities being traded, checking shipping routes, and validating payment arrangements.

For the guidance and information of all concerned.