

## Membership Updates – April 2024

### Deputy Prime Minister, Rt Hon Oliver Dowden MP, Delivers Speech on Economic Security at Chatham House

The Deputy Prime Minister warns that the UK continues to face economic and cyber threats from state and non-state actors, and announces new measures to boost the UK's economic defences. This includes launching dedicated teams to analyse risks of outward investment in sensitive sectors, improvements to export controls on emerging technologies, as well as enhancing crisis response capabilities.

Additionally, the Cabinet Office has published a [response](#) to the 2021 National Security & Investment (NSI) Act 'Call for Evidence', proposing potential exemptions and expanding the scope to areas such as critical minerals and semiconductors.

Read the [full release](#) or access the full recording of the [speech](#).

### Updated Open General Export Licence (OGEL) – 1 April 2024

As of 1 April a new Open General Export Licence (OGEL) is available, revoking and replacing the previous version dated March 24, 2022. This OGEL allows the export of dual-use items (with both a civilian and military application) from the UK to EU member states and the Channel Islands.

Read the [full update](#).

### Sharing Best Practice and Lessons Learned: A Collaborative UK & EU Approach to Secure Internationalisation – Report now available!

Last week alongside [EECARO](#), we published a report demonstrating the invaluable outputs of our collaborative Secure Internationalisation Workshop back in February, which saw attendance from 85+ individuals from 16 countries across the UK and EU.

The report explores the key themes and findings that emerged during the discussions, including the current issues faced associated with economic security, ways we can work together to support and inform future policy developments, and what's needed to drive positive change within the secure internationalisation space.

Download the [full report](#), or share with your networks via our [LinkedIn](#).

## **EU-China Relations: De-risking or De-coupling – the Future of the EU Strategy Towards China**

The European Parliament has recently published a study assessing the EU policy approach towards China and analyses the various aspects of relations – including the EU's three-pillar de-risking strategy – and how China's domestic politics and foreign policy have impacted the bilateral relationship in more recent times. It highlights the need for the EU to adopt a coherent vision and provides recommendations for developing a comprehensive, long-term approach to guide the EU's future actions regarding China.

View the full study [here](#).

## **HEECA 3rd Annual Conference – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Not yet registered for our Conference? There's still time to secure your [place](#).

The agenda is set to offer a strong selection of highly topical sessions including:

- National Security & Investment (NSI) Act and Foreign Influence Registration Scheme (FIRS)
- How to Manage and Prepare for an Export Control Audit (jointly delivered by [University of Leeds](#) & [ECJU](#) Auditors)
- Due Diligence Tools & Methods (including open-source methods and commercially available tools)
- Government/Stakeholder Panel with Live Q&A (including [NPSA](#), [ECJU](#), [RCAT](#) and more TBA)
- Interactive, Scenario-Based Trusted Research Workshops
- US Export Control (including input from [US DoC BIS](#), [MIT](#) and [AUECO](#))
- A Dive into the EU Landscape with [EECARO](#)
- An introduction to the HEECA Security Sub-group
- Managing Projects with Collaborators Subject to Export Control End-use Concerns or Sanctions

## **US Dept of State Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) - ITAR Academic Best Practice Guidance**

The US DDTC offers key guidance on ITAR Compliance including what to know before you export, establishing an ITAR compliance programme, and a collection of downloadable compliance including '[Commendations and Recommendations from Visiting Universities and Research Centers](#)', highlighting examples of best practice in complying with ITAR and ways to improve.

Access the full webpage and resources [here](#).

## **Australia – Defence Trade Controls Amendment Act 2024**

On 27 March, the Australian Government passed changes to the Defence Trade Control (DTC) Act 2012, with amendments aligning to Australia’s commitments under the AUKUS agreement removing the requirement to obtain a permit for supplying most controlled items from Australia to the UK and US. This change aims to facilitate technology transfer between the AUKUS partners.

The Amendment Act inserts three new criminal offences into the DTC Act for engaging in certain conduct without a permit unless an exception applies. Access the [full legislation update](#).

## **US House of Representatives Approves Data Transfer Legislation**

The US House of Representatives has approved the Protecting Americans' Data from Foreign Adversaries Act, prohibiting data brokers from sharing sensitive personal data with an entity controlled by a designated 'country of concern'. This includes any company more than 20% owned by an entity in a designated jurisdiction.

Read the [full release](#).

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