

Trade & Security

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Sanctions ag. Russia / Belarus

Initial Remarks

- Size of trade & investment links
- Coalition
- Scope: width and depth of sanctions



Scope of EU trade-related sanctions Regulation 833/20147

Import restrictions

Goods and technologies:

- 58% of EU's pre-war imports
- over EUR 91 billion

Export restrictions

Goods and technologies:

- 49% of EU's pre-war exports
- close to EUR 44 billion

Services:

- 16% of EU's pre-war exports
- close to 3.3 billion

BUT: exclusions, exemptions and derogations for humanitarian, pharmaceutical, and medical purposes as well as related to global food security



Scope of EU trade-related sanctions

Export restrictions (DU/AT):

- Many products, incl. for example drones and drone components, semi-conductors and quantum computing,
- software for encryption devices, chemicals etc.
- In total, the export of hundreds of items is restricted and restrictions also apply in relation to 506 entitieslinked with the Russian military-industrial complex

Export bans (goods and technologies):

- aircraft and parts; jet fuel and fuel additives, and maritime navigation goods;
- industrial products, i.a. machinery, electrical and transport equipment; construction goods;
- oil and gas producing technologies;
- luxury goods etc

Export prohibitions on business services:

 accounting, auditing, bookkeeping, tax consulting, business and management consulting and public relations; architectural and engineering; legal advisory; and IT consultancy; market research, advertising services etc



Scope of EU trade-related sanctions

Import bans:

Energy: seaborne crude oil, and refined petroleum products, coal and wood pellets;

Non-energy:

- steel, wood, wood pulp, paper and wood furniture;
- gold, including gold jewellery, and non-gold jewellery;
- emblematic products like vodka, caviar, high-end seafood;
- raw materials such as synthetic rubber, carbon blacks, coking coal, lead, glass, cement, asphalt, bitumen, ceramics and articles of stone;
- finished chemical products such as plastics, cosmetics, waxes, soap, as well as Intermediate products used by the chemical industry;
- machinery, car and car parts, including pneumatic rubber tyres, etc.



Impact of sanctions on Russia

- Sanctions are working. Their impact on Russia is strengthened by the alignment of sanctions by like-minded partners.
- Their effect put breaks on Russian production, in particular of import-dependent manufacturing, extraction of gas and on services.
- Russia is becoming more closed economy, reliant on China and shadow imports. Costs of its foreign trade increased substantially.
- The contraction of the Russian economy in 2022 was cushioned by its war spending and by high energy prices.
- However, the prospects for 2023 look different.





PART II

EU Export Controls

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GLOBAL & EU REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



NEW RULES IN 2021

New EU Export Control Regulation on dual-use items 2021/821

- Comprehensive system upgrade: new rules on transparency, enforcement and industry outreach.
- Basis for EU autonomous controls on cyber-surveillance technologies and emerging technologies.
- * Facilitating legitimate trade:
 - New authorisations: Large Project Authorisation and EUGEAs on Intra-group export of software and technology and encryption

* Facilitating compliance: Strengthen guidance to exporters

- ✓ 2019 Guidance on internal compliance programmes for dual-use trade controls
- 2021 Guidance on internal compliance programmes for controls of research involving dualuse items



KEY DATA (1)

- Dual-use exports represent about 2.7% of EU27 total exports (intra and extra-EU)
- Value of dual-use trade at EUR 128 bn in 2020







Ranking of destination countries in 2020



- ✤ United States: above 20%
- ✤ China: around 16%
- **Switzerland**: around 7%
- ✤ Russia: around 5%
- Turkey: around 4%



KEY DATA (3)

Authorisations and Denials



Figure 5: Volume (number) of authorisations and denials in 2016-2020²⁸.

Figure 6: Value (mln EUR) of authorisations and denials in 2016-2020.

In 2020, authorised dual-use trade amounted to EUR 31 bn – around 19 412 licenses issued

✤ 559 denials issued, representing about 1.4% of the value of controlled dual-use exports



KEY DATA (4)

Licenses and Categories

Authorised Export Value by License Type in 2020



Figure 8: Value (mln EUR) of authorisations per type in 2020.

Authorised export value and volume by Categories of Annex I



Figure 11: Authorisations by the 10 Categories of Annex I of the dual-use Regulation.



OUR WORK PLAN

2021				2022				2023			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	Surveillance Technology	Due Dilligence Guidelines									
	Expert Group Reactivation	Technical support to Art. 5 Controls / Publication of "EU Watchlist"									
		Set up Emerging Technology Expert Group									
Engaging with partners on cybersurveillance items, emerging technologies & other issues (US, Japan)											
			Development of dedicated IT tools and development of Guidelines on Transparency data)								
		Set up Enforcement Group	Implement dedicated actions (e.g. information exchange tools, guidance notes, joint operations)								
			Set up Capacity- Building Group	ſ	easibility Stu	dy	EUT	Fraining Progr Curricula	amme	Programm off	e Kick-



PART III

FDI Screening in the EU

Overview

1 FDI Screening in Europe

2 The institutional set-up

3 Looking ahead



National FDI screening in 2021

- > 1563 transactions screened by Member States in 2021
- > 29% of transactions formally screened – remaining 71% = no formal screening
- > 1% of transactions blocked and 3% withdrawn

Decisions by MS on FDI cases (2021)





FDI screening at EU level in 2021

> 414 cases notified in 2021

- 86% of cases closed in 15 days – remaining 14% = indepth assessment
- 5 Member States provided 85% of the cases
- > 3% of the cases subject to opinions

Outcome of FDI dossiers (2021)





Targeted sectors in 2021 (EU level)



Main sectors of « Phase 1 » cases



Sensitive sectors in 2021 (EU level)





Origin of ultimate investors





A glimpse in 2022



Main countries of origin of Investors: USA, GBR, CYM, CAN, JPN, ARE and CHN



5 Member States accounted for over 80% of FDI cases



Key sectors: ICT, manufacturing, financial activities, wholesale and retail



Screening mechanisms in place

Screening mechanisms of Member States

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Administrative boundaries: © EuroGeographics © UN–FAO © Turkstat Cartography: Eurostat – IMAGE, 02/2023 **19** Member States have a Screening Mechanism in place

7 Member States have a process to set up such a Mechanism

1 Member State not preparing a mechanism



The front office: Member States





Looking ahead

- New Member States screening
- Support by Commission services
- Evaluation & revision of EU Regulation



Info Sources

- <u>EU investment screening and export control</u> <u>rules (europa.eu)</u>
- European Commission Website



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