

Membership Updates – May 2024

HEECA Annual Conference 2024 – 2 weeks to go!

A massive thank you to all those who have already registered for this year's HEECA Annual Conference taking place across 5th & 6th June. Details of the confirmed programme, timings and arrangements will be circulated in the coming days so please keep a look-out in your inbox.

We are busy preparing behind the scenes for what we hope will be a well-packed, informative, and invaluable two days.

Final few days to register – just **10** spaces remain! Click [here](#) to secure a space.

AUKUS Partnership – Export Control Reforms Progress Update

UK

To update exporters on the progress of AUKUS partnership export control reforms, a [notice](#) has been released by [ECJU](#):

On 1st May, a [draft](#) AUKUS-specific Open General Licence (OGL) was released, introducing arrangements for exemption of a range of goods and technology for the US and Australia. Certain goods and technology are not included in the exemption and are set out in an excluded technology list which forms part of the OGL and the other AUKUS nation's reciprocal arrangements.

ECJU welcome comment on the draft OGL up to 1st July 2024. View the draft licence [here](#).

US

With effect from 19th April, US Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) have amended the US Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to remove licence requirements, expand the availability of license exceptions, and reduce the scope of end-use and end-user-based license requirements for exports, re-exports, and transfers (in-country) to or within Australia and the UK.

View the Federal Register update [here](#).

On 1st May, US Department of State also issued [draft](#) proposed amendments to include a new exemption to Part 126 of US International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) to allow exports, re-exports, re-transfers, or temporary imports of defence articles; the furnishing of defence services; or engaging in brokering activities between and among the AUKUS nations.

The proposed amendments were published with a 1-month consultation period ending 31st May 2024. View the Federal Register update [here](#).

AUS

(Australia update provided in last month's bulletin).

European Union – Directive (EU) 2024/1226

On 24th April, the European Union adopted [Directive \(EU\) 2024/1226](#), criminalising the following sanctions violations:

- Making funds available to or failing to freeze assets of sanctioned persons
- Violation of a travel ban
- Entering into prohibited transactions with third states
- Transacting with restricted goods
- Providing certain restricted services
- Circumventing EU sanctions
- Breaching conditions of licenses issued by Member States

The Directive brings significant changes to EU sanctions enforcement by harmonising the rules on the violation of EU sanctions and setting common definitions of criminal offences and penalties. The Directive encompasses country specific programmes (e.g. EU sanctions against Russian Belarus and Iran), violations of human rights, terrorism-related sanctions and criminal offences. The Directive enters into force this week and Member States have until 20th May 2025 to implement the Directive into national law.

My Digital Footprint – video by Cranfield University

In academia, we are often navigating a complex landscape of information resources, compliance regulations and ongoing training saturation, and so ensuring clear and impactful communication about crucial research security matters can at times be a challenge.

Embracing diverse communication approaches, like concise and engaging videos, can be key to capturing attention and driving home important points in an accessible manner. This [video](#) by [Cranfield University](#), demonstrates how a simple, well-crafted visual piece can convey an important concept – in this case, the significance of maintaining digital footprint awareness – in a way that resonates with a broad audience.

We encourage you to consider how different communication methods can make critical messaging more impactful and far-reaching within your institution and our broader academic community.

Germany's Research Minister Calls on Universities to Review China Collaborations Following Arrest of Suspected Science Spies Linked to German Universities

Research Minister Bettina Stark-Watzinger calls on German universities to review their collaborations following the arrest of three suspected spies, as fears surrounding potential espionage activities and unauthorised transfer of sensitive technologies lead to a growing demand for tighter regulations and more explicit guidelines for universities and research institutions.

Read the full article [here](#).

White House release new Government Policy for Oversight of Dual Use Research of Concern and Pathogens with Enhanced Pandemic Potential

Read the full policy release [here](#).

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