Department for Business Innovation & Skills

Statement of Administrative Sources

Strategic Export Controls Licensing Statistics

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Statement of Administrative Sources used to compile Strategic Export Control statistics, published by the Export Control Organisation, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

For further details about the Strategic Export Control statistics please visit: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/strategic-export-controls-licensing-data

Name	Detail
Name of Admin Source	SPIRE
Brief Description	The system for processing strategic export licence applications.
Collection	Since September 2007, SPIRE is the system exporters have needed to use to apply or register for an export licence for military, dual-use or other items controlled for strategic reasons.
Application	The Export Control Organisation (ECO) use the information submitted on licensing applications to make a decision about each licence. The time taken to make licensing decisions is also monitored by the ECO for operational management.
Access and Dissemination	Information from certain licence applications is shared with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC), Ministry of Defence (MOD), Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) and Department for International Development (DfID), who each provide expert advice to help inform licensing decisions. After processing the data for publication only those with 24 hour pre-release access see the final data prior to publication. All departmental users have been informed of their responsibilities as data controllers and informed that the Department for Business,

Name	Detail
	Innovation and Skills must control the release of any licensing data.
Non-Statistical Publication	Published data are referenced first in all instances. Administrative data is considered for release under relevant legislation (eg, the Freedom of Information Act, the Data Protection Act) if published data do not suffice.
Statistical Publication	Strategic export controls: licensing data (Official Statistics)
Synergies	The Government publishes summary licensing data and licence processing statistics in the Annual Report on Strategic Export Controls. This report is compiled by the FCO in collaboration with ECO (BIS), DfID and MOD.
Security/data protection arrangements	Data controllers have access to view and edit individual licences on SPIRE but the vast majority do not have the functionality to download aggregated data reports. Users in the ECO policy team have this functionality. All releases of data are controlled by the ECO policy team.

Meaning of Row Titles:

Collection - a short outline of the process through which the system's underlying 'raw data' are captured

Application - a description of the main applications/uses to which the administrative or management data are put before they are transformed into official statistics (e.g. operational monitoring, resource allocation, performance measurement, etc)

Access and Dissemination - a summary of the arrangements put in place for sharing and disseminating the administrative/management data, either inside or outside the organisation, during the period before they are converted into official statistics – whether via a hardcopy, an intranet, access to a database, etc. The details provided should cover the range, nature and timing of such access.

Non-statistical Publication - a summary of any arrangements put in place for placing the administrative/management data in the public domain during the period before they are converted into official statistics. This should cover the reason for such publication and the nature and timing of such publication.

Statistical publication - A listing of each of the 'official' or 'National' statistics series derived from each system.

Synergies – a mapping which explains the relationship between any public manifestations of the administrative/management data, and any subsequent statistical releases or publications.

Security/data protection arrangements – The extent to which this metadata can be compiled will give a good indication as to whether sound judgements can be made on the suitability of such systems to provide relevant statistics that are fit for purpose.

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