

Following consultations with the Chinese authorities in Beijing last December, Canada now approves exports of certain types of machine tools, semi-conductors, test equipment, lasers, computers, telephone exchanges, totalling more than twenty categories of strategic goods without the prior unanimous approval of COCOM.

Details of the new procedures and technical specifications for those categories of products exempt from COCOM review are contained in a Notice to Exporters issued today by the Export Controls Division of the Department of External Affairs.