

Mr. Clark emphasized that these revisions to Canadian ECL do not affect any existing controls on exports of military equipment or other exports to South Africa. Exports to South Africa of products that have been removed from the ECL will continue to be controlled.

The second important change to Canada's export control system is the introduction of a new General Export Permit applicable for trade between Canada and other COCOM member countries. COCOM comprises the NATO countries except Iceland, plus Japan and Australia.

The new General Export Permit will enable exporters to ship most controlled industrial goods to these countries without having to apply for an individual export permit. Instead, they will make a simple declaration on their export documents that they are exporting goods subject to Canada's export controls, and attach a similar declaration from the importer acknowledging that he is receiving goods subject to export controls. The new system, called Intra-COCOM Trade, will take effect August 15, 1990, and will eliminate the need for 3000 export permits each year.

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