



National Workshop For **INDUSTRY AWARENESS ON WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT**

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The global trade in high-technology products, materials, technologies and services that have legitimate commercial but also military applications, is being increasingly targeted by terrorists and proliferators for illicit purposes. Governments around the world are concerned that such dual-use items can be diverted in-country or re-exported for unauthorized uses. Government of India has long been committed to the highest non-proliferation standards, and to ensuring that such strategic items do not fall into wrong hands. As such, it has made steady efforts to strengthen the legal-regulatory architecture, and the accompanying national dual-use control list, called SCOMET (Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technology). It is also working to harmonize its policy guidelines and control list with the corresponding elements of the 4 multilateral export control regimes, i.e. MTCR (Missile Technology Control Regime), WA (Wassenaar Arrangement), NSG (Nuclear Suppliers Group) and AG (Australia Group). India was admitted as a member of the MTCR on 27 June, 2016 and is engaged closely with the WA, with a view to early membership.

India has a growing high-technology industry that is engaged in the production and export of a range of strategic items, particularly in the defence and aerospace sectors. Given the industry's critical role, virtually as the "first line of defence" in safeguarding the national interest, it is imperative to improve its awareness and compliance with India's strategic trade control requirements and procedures.

Strong regulatory compliance would be of immense benefit to the industry. It will facilitate access to critical licensed commodities and technologies for R&D and manufacturing, stimulate innovation, and spur collaborative partnerships with foreign companies. These steps will help the Indian industry improve its competitiveness in the international market.

With the aim to enhance industry awareness, build capacity and strengthen industry compliance regarding India's strategic trade control policies and requirements, FICCI along with D&ISA, MEA, DDP & DGFT are organizing a national workshop to prepare the aerospace and defence industry for compliance with the Wassenaar Arrangement's requirements and guidelines.

The workshop will feature senior officials from the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence and Directorate General of Foreign Trade as well as subject matter experts from this area.

This will be an excellent opportunity for the industry to understand India's STC regime, and specific regulatory implications of India's membership to the Wassenaar Arrangement. The workshop will also highlight the business opportunities, and allow participants to ask questions and engage the experts in this regard.

This workshop is of special relevance to companies that are engaged in, or seeking to manufacture and export, military and/or sensitive dual-use goods and technologies in the defence and aerospace sectors.

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