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### Legal developments: European Union

### European Commission

On I September 2020 the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1068 of 15 May 2020 amending Annexes I and V to Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals entered into force (Official Journal of the European Union, OJ L 234/I, 21/07/2020). Available on: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg\_del/2020/1068/oj To consult a technical note on it please check: http://local.droit.ulgac.be/jcms/service/index.php?serv=49&cat=3

The European Commission on 7 October 2020 published the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 7.10.2020 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items. It amends Annex I, Annexes IIa to IIg and Annex IV. Available on:

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## Legal developments: International

### China

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### Singapore

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### **United States**

"Guidance on Implementing the UN Guiding Principles for Transactions Linked to Foreign Government End-Users for Products or Services with Surveillance Capabilities", U.S. Department of State, 30 September 2020. Available on: https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/DRL-Industry-Guidance-Project-FINAL-508.pdf

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Addition of forty-seven entities, under fifty-one entries to the Entity List, 22 September 2020. Available on: https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/regulations/federal-register-notices#fr62583



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Addition of sixty entities, under a total of sixty-one entries, to the Entity List, 27 August 2020. Available on: https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/regulations/federal-register-notices#fr62583

Implementation of certain new controls on 6 emerging technologies, as decided at the 2018 WA Plenary meeting. This rule revises the ECCNs controlled for national security reasons in each category of the CCL, except Category 4. This rule also makes other associated changes to the EAR, as well as adjustments to license exception eligibility for national security-controlled items and revisions to reporting requirements, 11 September 2020. Available on: https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/regulations/federal-register-notices#fr62583

Commerce Department Broadens Authority to Review Licenses for Human Rights Concerns and Adopts New Controls on Water Cannons. Link: https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/documents/about-bis/newsroom/press-releases/2631-press-release-water-cannons/file

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Between July and September 2020, US issued a further individual sanctions relating to: activities of Mahan Air airlines, human rights offences, sale of Iranian petrochemicals, cyber activities. US notified the President of the UN Security Council (UNSC) about its intention to restore UN sanctions on Iran triggering the "snapback" mechanism from the JCPOA agreement. No formal actions with regard to reinstating the sanctions have been taken by the UNSC nor UN Secretariat, but uncertainty on whether the US triggered the "snapback" has been declared. US issued the Executive Order "Blocking Property of Certain Persons with Respect to the Conventional Arms Activities of Iran" to implement the UN embargo on arms trade and allowing to sanction individuals engaging in such trade.

On 8 Oct. 2020, the US government sanctioned 18 Iranian banks under counter-proliferation or anti-terrorism authorities. Links:

https://www.state.gov/iran-sanctions/; https://www.state.gov/the-return-of-un-sanctions-on-the-is-lamic-republic-of-iran/; https://apnews.com/article/iran-iran-nuclear-antonio-guterres-united-nations-mike-pompeo-d90c33f9161c2043d733f462c07c7e7; https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-imposes-sweeping-new-sanctions-on-the-islamic-republic-of-iran/; https://www.home.treas-ury.gov/press-releases

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## **EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium** EUNPD Newsletter (monthly).

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