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Singapore Strategic Goods Control Framework Updates

Singapore enacted the Strategic Goods (Control) Act (SGCA), which came into effect on 1 January 2003. With the recent updates, this legislation ensures alignment with global standards and regulates the trade in strategic goods and related technology. As a leading international trading hub, Singapore continues to reinforce its commitment to preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

What Is the SGCA and SGCO?

Under the SGCA, the Strategic Goods (Control) Order (SGCO) serves as subsidiary legislation that specifies the list of controlled strategic goods and technology, including dual-use items. These are goods that can be used for both civilian and military purposes. Singapore Customs updates this list annually to ensure compliance with evolving international standards.

Latest Update: SGCO 2025

The most recent update, the Strategic Goods (Control) Order 2025 (SGCO 2025), was gazetted on 1 October 2025 and took effect on 1 December 2025, replacing the previous SGCO 2024. This update was formally issued by the Minister for Trade and Industry on 30 September 2025.

Why the Update?

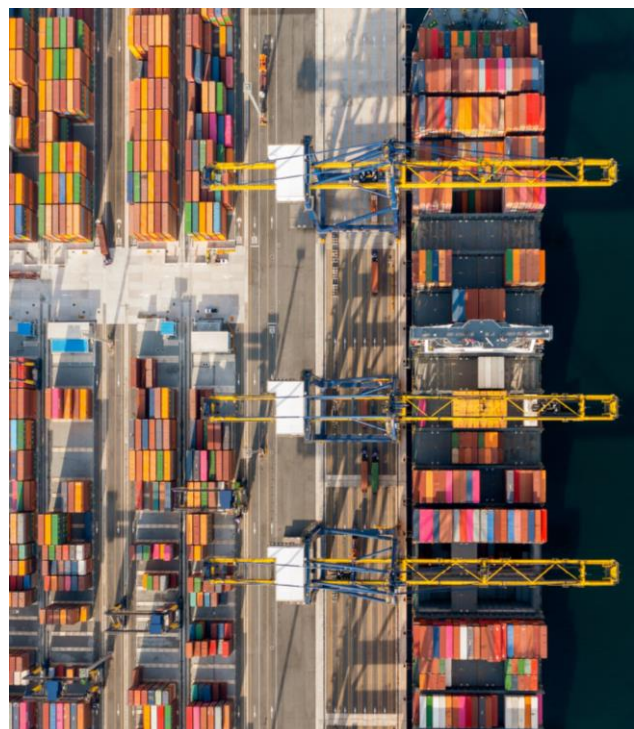
The revision ensures that Singapore's strategic goods control list remains aligned with global best practices. Specifically, SGCO 2025 incorporates changes based on:

- The 2024 Wassenaar Arrangement Munition List (WAML).
- The 2024 European Union List of Dual-Use Items (EUDL).

In addition to substantive updates, editorial amendments were made to improve clarity and consistency in the wording of the legislation.

Broader Impact

Following the implementation of SGCO 2025, related subsidiary legislation such as the Strategic Goods (Control) Regulations and the Strategic Goods (Control) (Brokering) Order 2019 will also be updated accordingly referencing to the new order. These changes reinforce Singapore's robust export control framework and its role in supporting international security efforts.



Practical Implications for Businesses

- **Exporters and importers** of controlled goods must re-check the product category codes against the new SGCO 2025.
- **Licensing requirements** may expand to cover newly defined items (e.g., UAVs, biopolymers).
- **Compliance teams** should update internal control lists and train staff on revised definitions.
- **Declaring agents** must ensure permits reflect the new framework from December 2025 onward.

The categories impacted by the latest update are as follows:

Military List (ML):

- ML7 (Biological & Riot-Control Agents)
- ML8 (Energetic Materials)
- ML10 (Aircraft/UAV/Sub-orbital Craft)
- ML11 (Automated Command & Control Systems)
- ML18 (Production Equipment)
- ML19 (Directed Energy Weapons)



Dual-Use List:

Category	Category Code
Category 0 (Nuclear Materials)	0B004
Category 1 (Advanced Materials/Chemicals/Equipment)	1A003, 1A007, 1A202, 1A225, 1B001, 1B228, 1C011, 1C350, 1C351
Category 2 (Material Processing)	2B116, 2B351
Category 3 (Electronics)	3A001, 3A002, 3B001, 3C003, 3C004
Category 5 (Telecom & Info Security)	5A001, 5A101, 5D001, 5A002
Category 6 (Sensors & Lasers)	6A001, 6A002, 6A003, 6A005, 6A006, 6B004, 6C005, 6E003
Category 7 (Navigation & Avionics)	7A003, 7A105
Category 8 (Marine Propulsion)	8A002
Category 9 (Aerospace & Propulsion)	9A006, 9A108, 9A121, 9B009, 9B010, 9B105, 9B107, 9C108, 9D004, 9E003

How We Can Help Your Business

Handling products subject to strategic goods controls can introduce significant risk to your operations. Our team can assist by:

- Assessing applicable controls on your products under the Strategic Goods (Control) framework.
- Evaluating the impact of recent updates, such as SGCO 2025, on your export activities.

- Ensuring compliance with Singapore's regulatory requirements and its commitment to international security standards.

By partnering with us, you can navigate these regulatory changes confidently and maintain seamless, compliant trade practices.

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