

Value of the MTCR

The MTCR has been in place since 1987 as a multilateral effort to combat missile proliferation. Together, its members have set an effective international standard for responsible efforts to control the proliferation of missiles. Members exchange information on the licensing of exports, enforcement actions and best practices.

Every state can make use of the MTCR's international benchmark. The Regime's guidelines can support efforts to design, improve, and implement national export controls. Above all, they can assist in meeting the obligations on all states to implement UNSC Resolution 1540.

The MTCR is not at all about disrupting legitimate trade. Nor is it about restricting access to equipment and technology for peaceful purposes. Its focus is entirely on limiting the risk that trade, or technological developments, could contribute to the proliferation of missiles capable of delivering WMD. To have clear and harmonised regulations for export control in the MTCR area which create a level playing field, is important for both states and companies alike.



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<https://mtcr.info/>

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Missile Technology Control Regime

Who are we and what do we do?



What we do

As its name suggests, the MTCR is about preventing the proliferation of the systems (e.g. rockets and unmanned aerial vehicles) capable of delivering WMDs. It does this by controlling exports of goods and technologies that contribute to these.

At the heart of the Regime is an adherence to a common export policy (the Guidelines) applied to an agreed list of items (the MTCR Equipment, Software, and Technology Annex.)

The MTCR does not take export licensing decisions collectively. Rather, members are responsible for implementing the Guidelines and Annex on the basis of their national decision-making.

Who we are

The Regime is unique in its focus on the means of delivery of WMD rather than the WMD themselves.

The MTCR is an informal, voluntary group of countries which seek to coordinate national export licensing efforts. It is not a treaty with binding commitments.

There are 35 members around all corners of the globe. We operate transparently with all our cornerstones (the Guidelines and Technical Annex) being public documents available on our website for all to use.

Engagement with you

We are committed to engagement with the international community. This is central to our global non-proliferation mission.

Our outreach efforts focus on informing non-members about the MTCR's activities and assisting efforts to prevent the proliferation of WMD delivery systems. This also allows us to learn about the challenges you face and your perceptions of proliferation developments.

We value our engagement with our formal adherent states and we also encourage all countries to consider unilateral adherence.

Not only are our Guidelines and Technical Annex available online for all states, but so is the Annex Handbook. This explains what equipment and technologies are controlled by the MTCR, how they are used, and what they look like - and is available in multiple languages.

The MTCR Chair and the Point of Contact are always pleased to hear from non-members. You can contact us via our website.

