

EXPORT CONTROLS IN SINGAPORE & REGIONAL COOPERATION



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Terror Attacks!



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Importance of Cooperation



- Global shipping & port industry important factor for driving world trade;
- Impact of terrorist attacks:
 - Extensive environmental damage;
 - Severe disruption of the free flow of trade
- Recent study by BAH – a disruption that lead to 30 days closure of US ports could result in US\$ 159 billion in export loss over 3 years for 12 selected APEC economies excluding US;
- Cost of potential damage > costs of enhanced security;
- Every country will be affected, no one is spared



Role of Singapore



- Every country has a part to play to ensure that security is not compromised;
- Singapore a major transshipment hub
 - 23.98 million TEUs of maritime container cargo handled in 2006;
 - 1, 911 thousand tonnes of air cargo handled in 2006
- Stands firm with the international community in the fight against terrorism;
- Main objectives: protect economic & security interests
- Multi-pronged approach:



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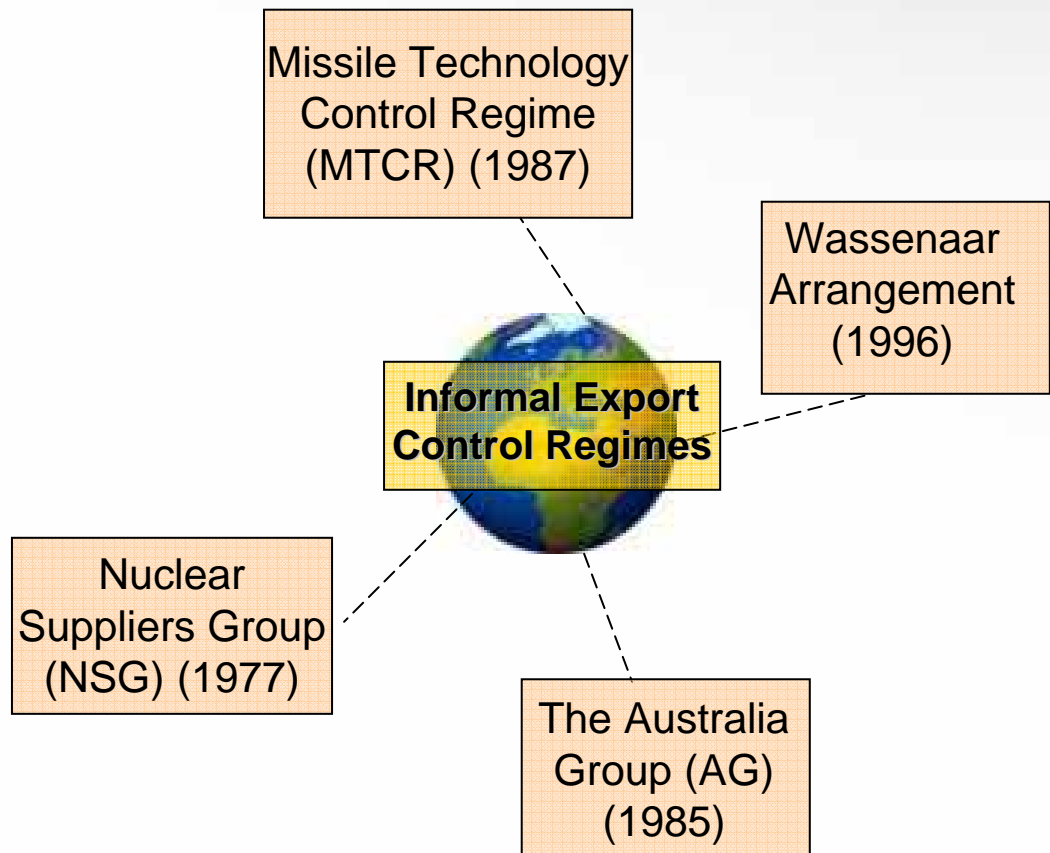
Singapore's Strategic Goods Control System



- Legislation
 - Strategic Goods Control Act – 1 Jan 2003;
 - Strategic Goods (Control) Regulations – 7 Jan 2004
- Scope of Control:
 - Export, transshipment & transit of strategic goods;
 - Intangible transfer of strategic goods technology;
 - Brokering of strategic goods and/or technology
- Control list comprising of the more sensitive items
- Prior permit & registration requirements with government authorities applicable



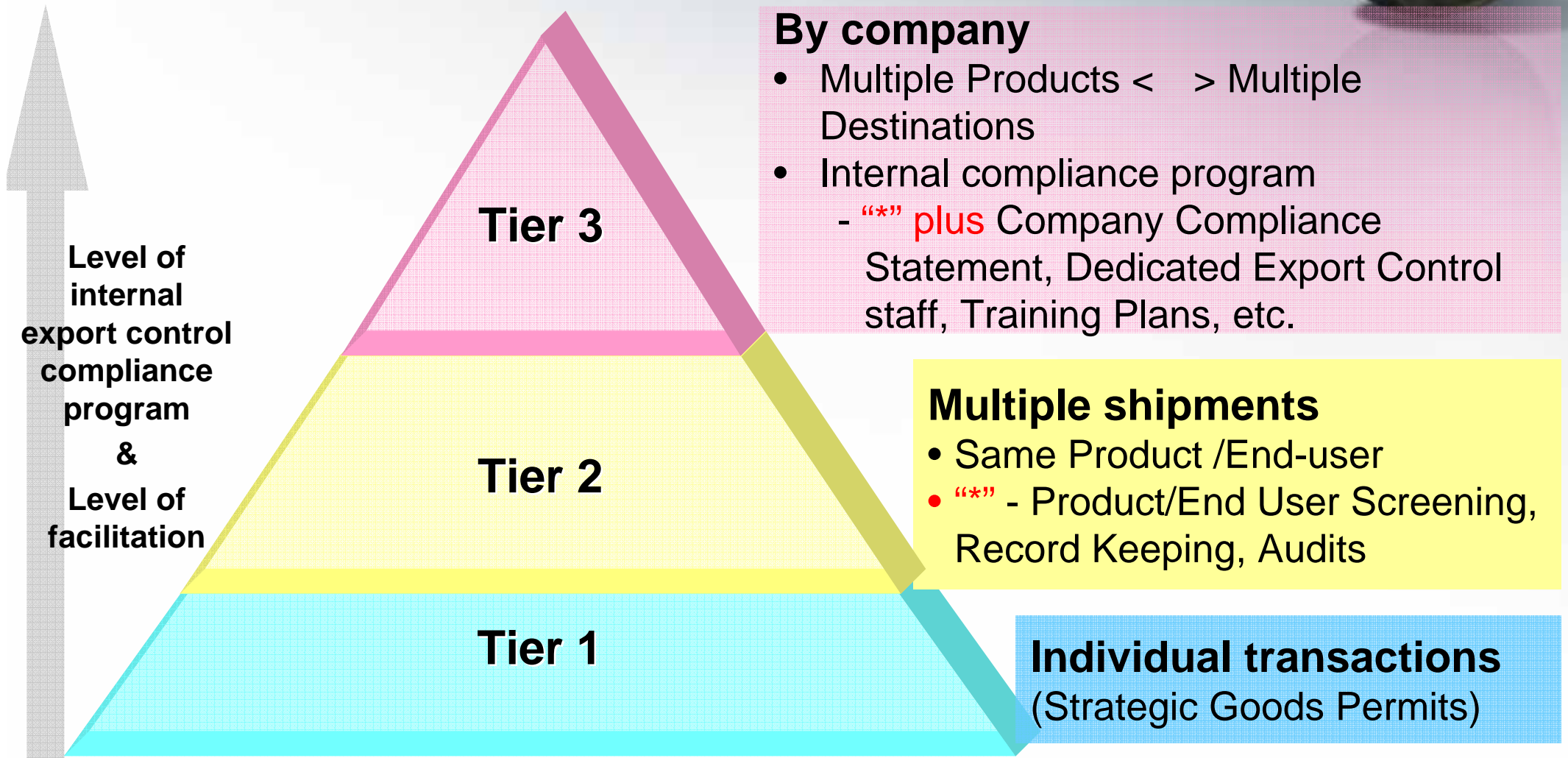
Expansion of Strategic Goods Control List



- Aware that our system is 'work-in-progress';
- We will implement the new comprehensive list W.E.F. 1 January 2008;
- Similar to items listed in the 4 informal export control regimes;
- Applicable for exports, transshipments & transits;



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Border & Port Controls



- Border Controls:
 - Radiographic scanners & handheld equipments
- Port Security Measures:
 - Implementation of International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) code
 - Compliance with International Maritime Organisation's & International Civil Aviation Organisation's requirements
 - 24-hour Maritime Security Unit & Airport Police Department and Emergency Response Unit



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Regional Cooperation



- Joint Statement on Bilateral Export Control Cooperation with Japan METI – 22 Apr 04;
- Licensing and Enforcement Cooperation with the US Dept of Commerce since May 2005.
- Australia – Singapore – US Joint Seminar on Man-portable Air Defence, 7 – 8 Jun 07
- Active participation in UN / APEC / ASEAN / ARF / Commonwealth / ASEM forums / seminars

Training & Outreach

- Commodity Identification Training in Singapore by trainers from Japan, Australia & US, Jan 2005
- Seminar on Japan – Singapore Export Control, 30 – 31 May 2005
- Commodity Identification Training in Singapore by trainers from Japan, Australia & US, 21 – 24 Aug 2006
- Japan – Singapore- US Export Control Seminar, 18 – 19 Jun 2007



International Cooperation



■ International Obligations

- Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (1976)
- Biological Toxins & Weapons Convention (1975)
- Chemical Weapons Convention (1997)
- Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (2001)
- International Atomic Energy Agency Protocol (2005)
- Member of United Nations – supportive of implementation of UNSCRs



■ International Counter-proliferation Initiatives:

- **Container Security Initiative** – station US CBP officers in Singapore to risk-profile and target shipments of US bound cargoes for inspection;
- **Proliferation Security Initiative** – build capacity for inter-state cooperation to disrupt clandestine supply of WMD & related materials to non-state actors
- **Radiation Detection Initiative** – station detection portals at container terminals to detect trafficking of radioactive materials that could be used to construct “dirty bombs”;
- **Secure Freight Initiative** – participate as a non-pilot trial port to assess the feasibility of subjecting sea cargo containers to security screening by radiation detection & X-ray portals at upstream ports before the containers arrive at US



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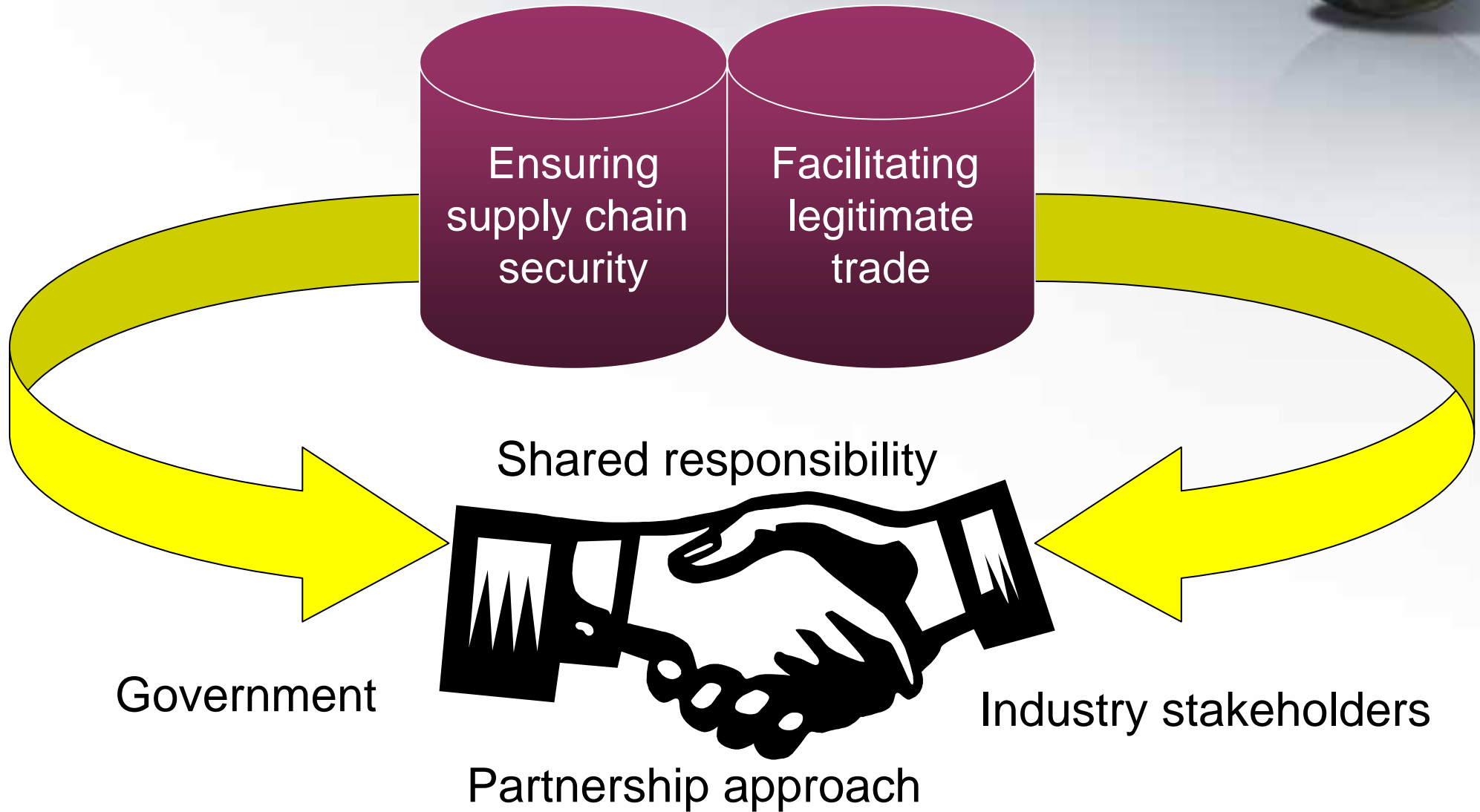
Supply Chain Security - STP



- Voluntary certification programme launched on 25 May 07
- Promotes adoption of supply chain security measures
- Provides supply chain security guidelines, e.g. physical & personnel security, business partners, data security, etc.
- Benefits of trusted partners:
 - Cargo less likely to be inspected
 - Recognition as a low risk company
- Potential future benefit: mutual recognition of “Trusted Partners” with other countries



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Conclusion



**Enhance
Security**



**Facilitating
Trade**

**National
Efforts**

**Regional
Efforts**

**International
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Thank You !



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