**What are “catch-all” controls?**

A **“catch-all” control** is a legal instrument enabling the government to regulate items not included on the National Control List (NCL), when the trader is informed, has ‘knowledge’, or reason to believe such items are intended for a WMD (or conventional weapon) end-use or end-user.

There are essentially **two types of catch-all controls** that may be employed by national governments (**WMD and military**):

1. **WMD catch-all:** Controls on non-listed goods or technology for use in connection with the development, production, handling, operation, maintenance, storage, detection, identification or dissemination of chemical, biological or nuclear weapons or other their means of delivery.
2. **Military catch-all:** Controls on non-listed goods or technology for use in connection with the development, production, handling, operation, maintenance, storage, detection, identification or dissemination conventional weapons.

**Your government may control non-listed items that are or may be intended for:**

* a WMD end-use;
* a possible military end-use, if exported to an embargoed destination;
* use as parts or components of listed military items that have been exported without authorization; and
* use in the commission of human rights abuses or acts of terrorism.

Depending on the catch-all legislation in place in your country, catch-all controls may invoke license requirements or special procedural or documentation requirements for cases in which a non-listed item is going to a restricted **end-use**, **end-user**, or **destination**.

* *End-use controls* are item and use-based controls.
* EXAMPLE: A non-listed titanium valve will be used for nuclear weapons development purposes.
* *End-user controls* are person/entity-based controls.
* EXAMPLE: The end-user of non-listed electronic equipment is designated on several restricted party lists, including the EU Consolidated List.
* *Destination controls* are location-based controls.
* EXAMPLE: Non-listed machine tools are destined for a country under UN arms embargo for previous arms proliferation activities and human rights abuses.

Note: *Please consult your country’s STC legislation to determine whether catch-all controls are in place and if so, the precise scope of these controls.*

