

Fact Sheet

JCU Connect assists researchers to comply with the Defence Trade Controls Act.

The Australian Government has imposed export controls on defence and strategic goods and technologies in support of international efforts to stem the proliferation of conventional, chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons and the systems that deliver them, managed by the Defence Export Control (DEC).

Defence Trade Controls Act

The export of goods and technologies is regulated by the Defence Trade Controls Act 2012. Goods and technologies included in the Defence and Strategic Goods List (DSGL) may not be exported, supplied, published or brokered from Australia unless either a permit has been granted by the Minister for Defence or a legislative exemption applies to the export, supply, publication or brokering activity.

Defence and Strategic Goods List

The [Defence and Strategic Goods List](#) (DSGL) is the list that specifies the goods, software or technology that is regulated when exported, supplied, brokered or published and includes several types of goods and technology that may be an important part of JCU's research.

Researchers collaborating with people outside of Australia are required to examine the controlled goods and technologies and dual-use items as listed by the DSGL to ascertain whether an export permit is required. A good first step is to search the DSGL using the [online DSGL Tool](#).

If the goods or technologies are listed by the DSGL, then the next step is to submit an [Application for DSGL Assessment](#) to the DEC.

Controlled Activities

In the case of research, the most common categories of activities involving controlled technologies or goods will be **supply** and **publication**.

Supply

Supply occurs when a person in Australia provides DSGL technology to another person outside of Australia. Examples include supply by email and providing passwords to access DSGL technology stored electronically. Supply is regulated/controlled and requires approval from DEC before it can occur.

There are exceptions to these controls which can be found on the [DEC website](#).

Publication

Publication of DSGL technology is making it available to the public or a section of the public via the internet or other means, whether freely or at cost.

Technology is not controlled if it is already in the public domain or part of basic scientific research. Learn more from the [DEC website](#) or reaching out to the JCU Connect team.

Supply vs Publication

To determine whether the activity is a supply or a publication under the Act, you should ask: Will the DSGL technology be made available 'in the public domain'? JCU Connect can assist with queries or visit the FAQs available on the [DEC website](#).

Useful Tools

- [DEC Online DSGL Tool](#)
- [DEC training site](#)
- [DTC flowchart](#)



For support and advice:

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