

PRESIDENT ISSUES DIRECTIVES
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On January 22, 2008, the President announced a national security directive that requires action by the U.S. State Department and the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security. With the continued threats to security, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and increased reliance on outsourcing in our global economy, the United States must be vigilant to ensure that distribution of controlled technology to foreign entities is only allowed when properly authorized.

The President's directive to the Department of Commerce addresses three major initiatives:

1. Foreign End-Users
2. U.S. Competitiveness
3. Transparency

The directives issued to the U.S. Department of State also focused on three major areas, licensing, dispute resolution and enhanced enforcement:

1. More Effective U.S. Export Licensing
2. More Efficient Dispute Resolution Mechanism
3. Enhanced Enforcement