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Export Controls

Ireland's approach in an international and EU context

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Why do we have export controls?



- ☐ Enable responsible free trade
- ☐ Comply with international obligations
- ☐ Prevent sensitive items falling into the wrong hands
- ☐ Mitigate misuse of sensitive items
- ☐ Prevent proliferation of weapons
- ☐ Protect national, EU, and global security



Who decides what items are controlled?



Ireland represented at international non-proliferation regimes via DFAT including:

- ☐ *Wassenaar*
- ☐ *MTCR*
- ☐ *Australia Group*
- ☐ *NSG*

- ☐ Regimes inform EU regulations
- ☐ List based export controls
- ☐ Member States can establish national lists of items if specific risk identified



The Australia Group



From international to EU rules



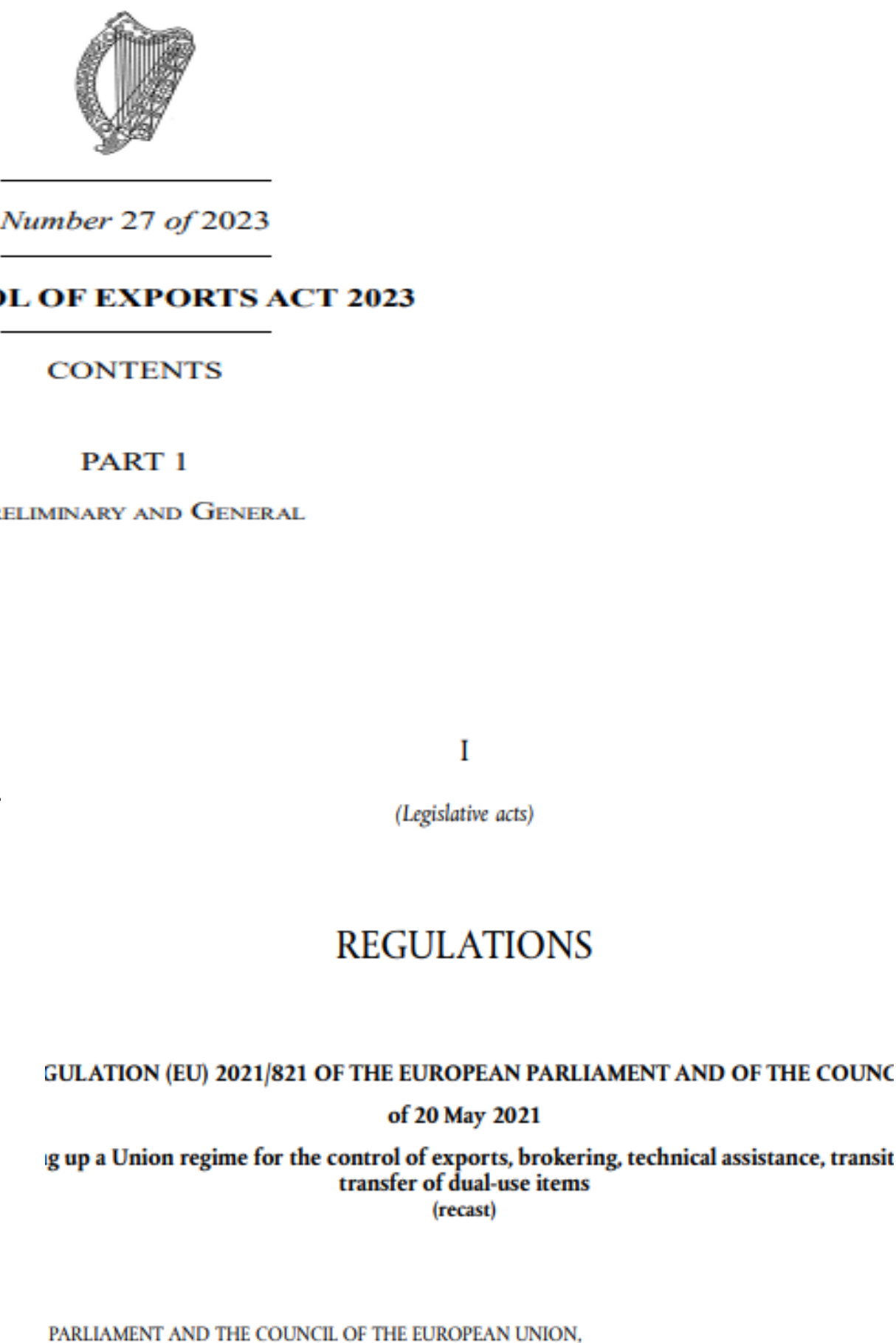
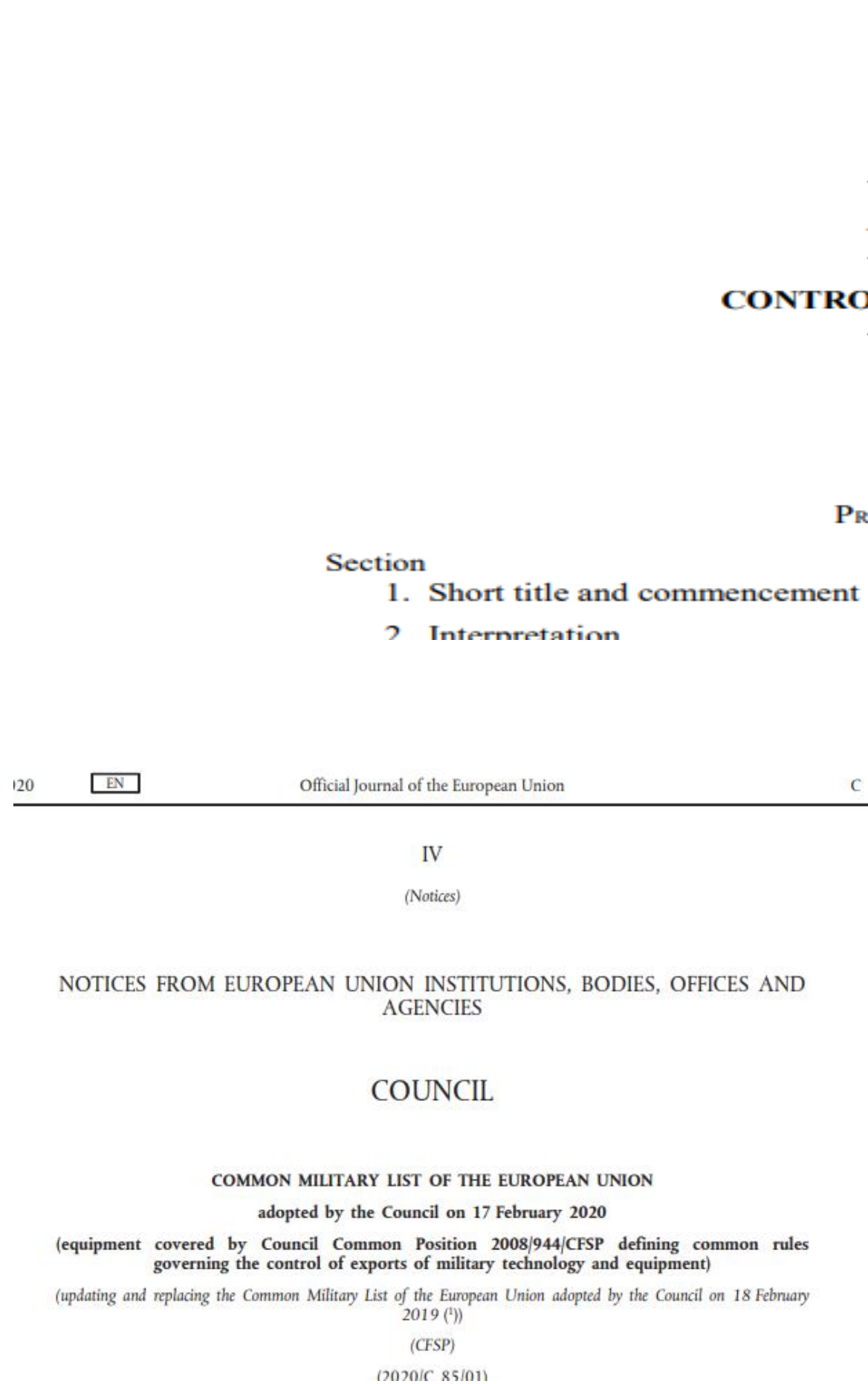
- ❑ EU regulations harmonize export controls across member states
- ❑ Key areas and competence:
 - ❑ *Dual-use: EU and National Competence*
 - ❑ *Military: National Competence*
 - ❑ *Anti-torture: EU Competence*
 - ❑ *Civilian firearms to third countries: EU Competence*
- ❑ EU rules directly influence national law



Control of Exports Act 2023



- ❑ Implemented August 2023: Appoints the Minister and provides the legal basis.
- ❑ Objectives: Strengthen & streamline framework, incorporate EU changes
- ❑ Covers dual-use, military controls
- ❑ Streamlines the process and rules for both dual use and military
- ❑ Anti-torture, and firearms exports are covered separately
- ❑ Identify your item: dual-use, military, anti-torture, or firearms
- ❑ Check control lists:
 - ❑ **EU Annex I Dual Use Regulation**
 - ❑ **National Military Export Control List**
 - ❑ **Firearms (Civilian to Third Country)**
 - ❑ **Anti-torture**





Where does the Department fit in?

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Keeping Up with EU Changes

Update to Annex I

- ☐ EU Commission announced updates on 8 September
- ☐ In line with international decisions by the international regimes.
- ☐ Strengthen EU level control of new and emerging technology
- ☐ Scrutiny period runs until 8 November (Council & Parliament)
- ☐ New controls in force thereafter

EU Export Control Forum

- ☐ Export Control Forum 14 November – EU Commission
- ☐ Focus on dual-use exports
- ☐ Expected to be a hybrid event
- ☐ It will be a platform for discussion & feedback

Evaluation of Dual-Use Regulation

- ☐ Dual- Use Regulation 821/21: evaluation in 2026
- ☐ Is the Regulation working?
- ☐ Feed in views at national and EU level
- ☐ What do you view as the key issues?



Key Points to Remember



- ☐ Export controls aim to balance trade and security
- ☐ Export controls are primarily list based
- ☐ Ireland implements EU-aligned rules via Control of Exports Act 2023
- ☐ Stay engaged with EU updates and consultations
- ☐ Ensure your views are reflected at EU level

