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‘Export Enforcement Five’ Governments Reaffirm Commitment to Robust Export Control Enforcement to Counter Evasion

Washington, D.C. – Today, the governments of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom (UK), and the United States (collectively, the “Export Enforcement Five” or “E5”) marked the completion of their second annual E5 conference in Washington, D.C. by reaffirming their commitment to robust enforcement of export controls on Russia. The joint statement can be found [here](#).

This renewed pledge includes the group’s coordinated efforts to prevent the diversion of sensitive technologies and materials that support Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Specifically, the E5 committed to enhancing enforcement-related information sharing and capacity building, increasing outreach and guidance to industry to prevent diversion, and expanding joint investigative efforts to impose penalties that deter and redress violations of our coordinated export controls on Russia.

“The Export Enforcement Five have demonstrated the powerful impact that enforcement coordination can have in impeding Putin’s efforts to illicitly acquire dual-use items to support his unlawful invasion of Ukraine,” said **Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement Matthew S. Axelrod**. “This partnership has laid a strong foundation for continued effective global enforcement in support of our common national security interests.”

Since [June 2023](#), BIS and its law enforcement counterparts in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the UK have collaborated closely to partner with industry to harden supply chains of the items – especially [common high priority list items](#) – that Russia needs to sustain its unlawful invasion, identify entities that have violated our coordinated export controls, and share investigative information to take coordinated enforcement actions.

In September 2023, the E5 issued the first-of-its-kind [Quint Seal Guidance](#) on countering Russian evasion of export controls. Furthermore, the E5 coordinated activities that resulted in detentions, seizures, and investigations that prevented violators from illicitly acquiring items to support the Russian war machine, as well as formed the foundation for an enduring framework for enforcement of export controls more broadly.

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