



PRESS RELEASE

Ha Noi kicks off another regional EU engagement in export control of dual-use items

Ha Noi, August 14, 2019 – Dual-use goods (including software and technology) are intended for good purposes but could potentially be misused to harm humans, animals or the environment. Hence, Export Control or Strategic Trade Management aims at allowing exports and imports to be carried out freely, but in critical cases only under a valid license. It is a major contribution to international peace and security. Strategic Trade Management creates trust, a clear conscience, and can even create more business opportunities – in trade and in foreign direct investment. Therefore, it is key for high tech industries and international technology transfer.

The 28 member countries of the European Union (EU) have a system of export control in place. After already more than 5 years of EU engagement in the area of export control of dual-use items in South East Asia, the EU is pleased to be able to continue to share its rich experience in this area with interested partner countries. In this spirit, the “Kick-off meeting of the EU Partner-to-Partner (P2P) Export Control Programme for Dual-Use Goods in South East Asia 2019 – 2021” took place in Ha Noi on August 14 and 15, 2019.

The kick-off meeting was facilitated by European and South East Asian experts and brought some 25 participants from the government administrations of 8 ASEAN countries together to set the tone for the continued EU engagement over the next 2 years. Future activities will be based on the achievements already attained by the participating countries during the last years. The kick-off meeting was opened by Prof. Dr. Tuan Khai Nguyen, Director General, Vietnam Agency for Radiation and Nuclear Safety (VARANS), Ministry of Science and Technology, who is the National CBRN Focal Point of Viet Nam, and by Mr. Juan Zaratiegui, Political Officer at the Delegation of the European Union to Viet Nam. Both speakers highlighted the benefits of the ongoing cooperation in the area of export control of dual-use items.

The kick-off meeting is an activity under the "EU Partner-to-Partner (P2P) Programme on Export Control of Dual-Use Goods" and at the same time delivered in the context of the Project 64 of the "European Union (EU) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence (CoE) Initiative". The EU CBRN CoE covers 61 participating countries in 8 regions of the world. Its Regional Secretariat for South East Asia is hosted by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and has the 10 ASEAN countries as members on a bilateral cooperation basis, contributing to a strong international network.

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