

BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
COUNTRY GROUP AND COUNTRY CHART CHANGES
CURRENT AS OF MAY 2, 2022

Q1: What were the changes made to the Country Groups to reflect the new controls against Russia and Belarus?

A1: The Commerce Country Groups in supplement no. 1 to part 740 were revised to remove the “X” in the column that had previously reflected Belarus’s placement in Country Group A:4 (the Nuclear Suppliers Group), and to add an “X” in the column for Country Group D:2 (Nuclear) and D:4 (Missile Technology) to reflect the fact that Belarus is now a country of concern for both nuclear proliferation and missile technology proliferation reasons. The addition of Belarus to these two Country Groups will restrict the availability of EAR license exceptions and add certain additional license requirements for Belarus.

Q2: What changes were made to the Country Chart to reflect the new controls against Russia and Belarus?

A2: The Commerce Country Chart in supplement no. 1 to part 738 was revised to impose license requirements for Nuclear Nonproliferation column 1 (NP:1) for Belarus. A license is now required for exports, reexports and transfers (in-country) to Belarus, for NP:1 reasons under the EAR. This new license requirement mirrors the requirement that was already in effect for exports, reexports, and transfers (in-country) of items controlled for NP:1 reasons that are destined for Russia.

Additionally, an “X” was added to NP column 2 (NP:2) in the Country Chart for both Belarus and Russia. Based on these changes, a license is now required for exports and reexports to Belarus and Russia for items controlled for NP:2 reasons under the EAR. The imposition of this NP:2 license requirement is warranted to reflect the fact that both countries are now countries of concern for nuclear proliferation reasons.