

## **Hong Kong's Licensing Requirements for US-origin Digital Computers**

### **US' Control**

According to the US Export Administrative Regulations (EAR), export control arrangements for computers are set out with reference to destinations and APP level of computers. Below is a summary of the US export control arrangements over computers. Traders are advised to refer to the relevant US regulations for the comprehensive and most updated information:

<b>APP level of computers (WT)</b>	<b>Countries/Places of Destination *</b>		
	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>
<b>Below or equal to 0.75</b>	US licence exception APP applicable (note 1), individual export licence not required	US licence exception APP applicable (note 1), individual export licence not required	Subject to US Individual Export Licence requirement
<b>Above 0.75</b>		Subject to US Individual Export Licence requirement	

*Note 1 – Licence Exception APP is not available for exports or reexports to nuclear, chemical, biological or missile end-users.*

2. In implementing control over computers, the US Government divides all countries/places in the world into 3 tiers :

Tier 1 = Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Bahamas (The), Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo (Democratic Republic of the), Congo (Republic of), Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia (The), Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, **Hong Kong**, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Korea (Republic of), Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, St.

Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Sao Tome & Principe, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Surinam, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Togo, Tonga, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Vatican City, Venezuela, Western Sahara, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Tier 3 = Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Cambodia, **China (People's Republic of)**, Comoros, Croatia, Djibouti, Egypt, Georgia, India, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, **Macau**, Macedonia (The Former Yugoslav Republic of), Mauritania, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vietnam and Yemen. .

Tier 4 = Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria.

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3. To complement the export control arrangements of the US, additional information/declarations are required for applications covering computers of US origin. A table outlining these requirements is in Annex L.

### **Disclaimer**

4. Information tabulated above on the US export control arrangement is meant to enhance traders' general understanding of the US export control system and the complementary licensing arrangement and documentation requirement of this Department on US-origin computers. For details or clarification on the US' export control arrangement, traders are advised to consult their US exporters/manufacturers direct or to visit the relevant US Government's website at <http://www.bis.doc.gov/hpcs/default.htm>

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