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DEFENCE EXPORT CONTROLS

**MADE Portal – How to set
yourself up for permit success**

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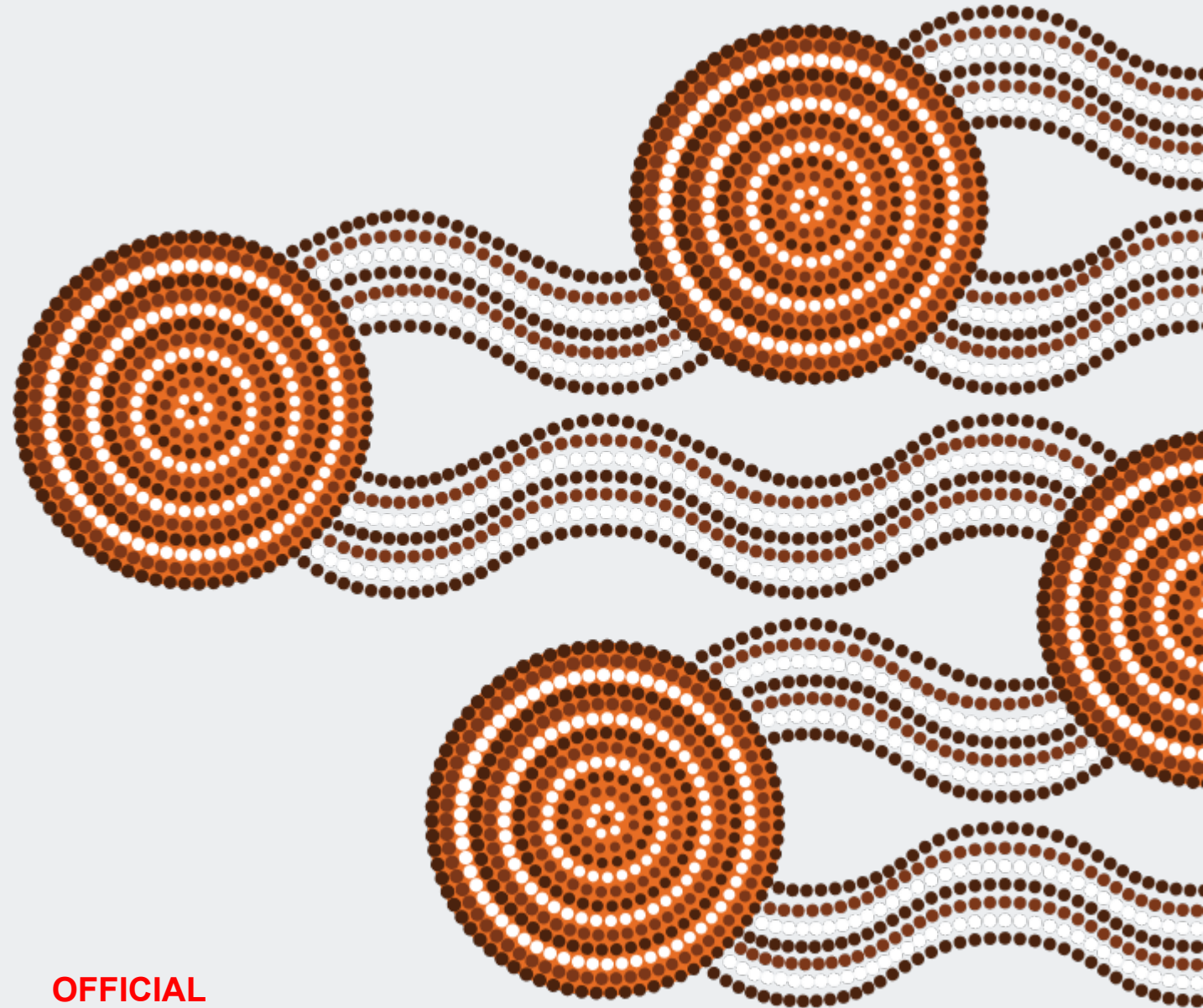
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Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respects to their Elders both past and present.

I would also like to pay my respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have contributed to the defence of Australia in times of peace and war.

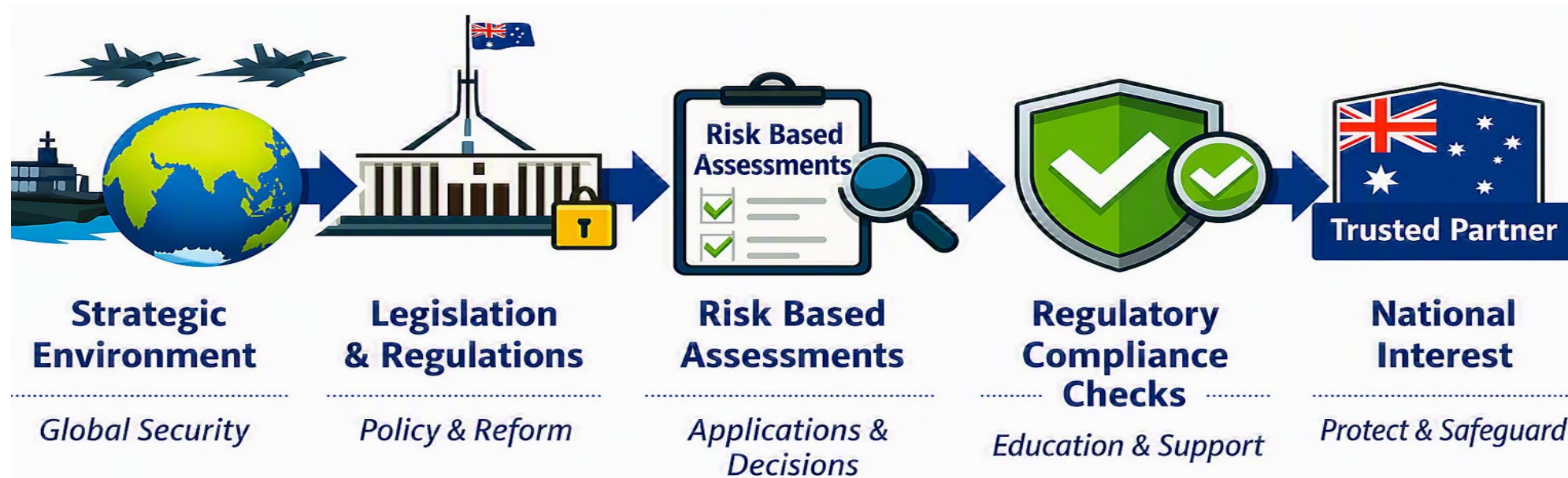


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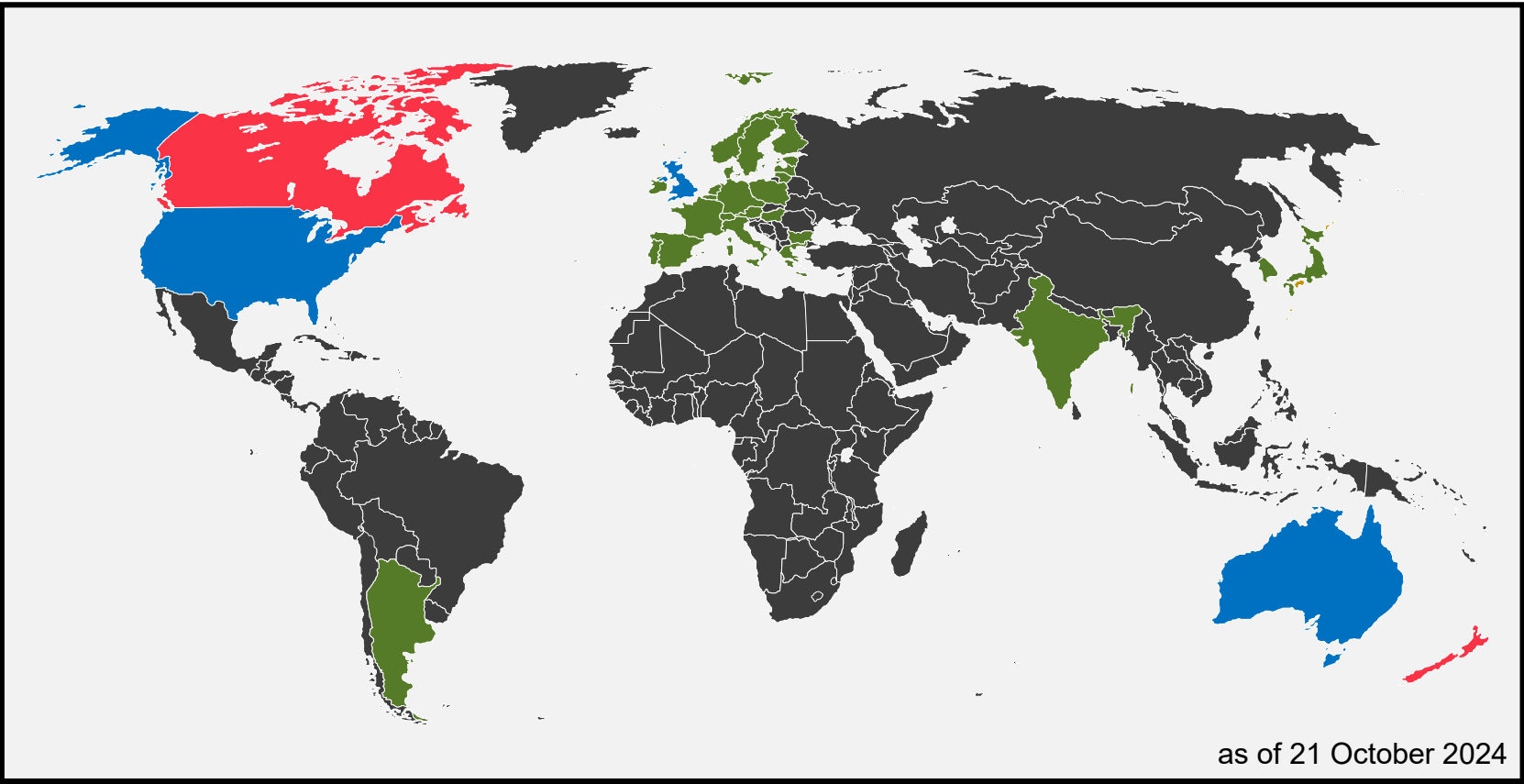
DEC is the regulator for:

- the export, supply and transfer of defence and dual-use goods, technology and services under Australia's Defence Trade Controls legislation.
- the provision of sensitive defence-related information to foreign militaries and governments under the Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets legislation.



Understanding the Foreign Country List

Various exemptions and exceptions are available based on the **AUKUS** and **Five Eyes** partnerships, and the **Foreign Country List**.



FOREIGN COUNTRY LIST (FCL)

FIVE EYES	AUKUS	Australia
		United Kingdom
		United States
		Canada
		New Zealand
		Argentina
		Austria
		Belgium
		Bulgaria
		Czech Republic
		Denmark
		Estonia
		Finland
		France
		Germany
		Greece
		Hungary
		India
		Ireland
		Italy
		Japan
		Latvia
		Lithuania
		Luxembourg
		Netherlands
		Norway
		Poland
		Portugal
		South Korea
		Spain
		Sweden
		Switzerland

Destination and end-user matters



Overview of the Licence-free Environment

The licence-free environment exempts certain Defence and Strategic Goods List (DSGL) goods technology, services from permit requirements when transferring between Australia, the United States and/or the United Kingdom.

As of 1 July 2026:

- There are more than **625** Australian entities registered to access the new exemptions to US and UK export controls as AUKUS Authorized Users.
- The AUKUS licence-free environment has nearly **2,700** notifications of intent to export to transfer technologies to the United States (US) and the United Kingdom (UK).
- The licence-free environment has facilitated over **\$510 million** in licence free exports from Australia to the US and UK.



The Applicant Journey



What is the MADE Portal?

The My Australian Defence Exports (MADE) portal should be used to:

- ✓ apply for a Defence Export Controls Client Reference Number (DCRN)
- ✓ apply for a Defence Export Controls permit
- ✓ apply for an International Import Certificate, Delivery Verification Certificate or end-use certificate
- ✓ apply to making a brokering arrangement and registering as a broker
- ✓ complete Australia, United Kingdom and United States (AUKUS) licence-free community registrations
- ✓ complete pre-notifications under the AUKUS licence-free environment
- ✓ complete a Foreign Work Authorisation request
- ✓ complete Australia-US Defence Trade Treaty related forms



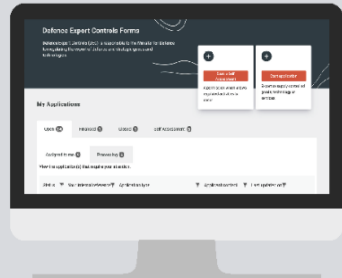
Accessing the MADE portal

To access the MADE portal:

- Australian residents can access the MADE portal via ServiceConnect, using the Australian Government Digital ID System, such as myID.
- Anyone who is not eligible for an Australian Government Digital ID and requires a new user account to access the MADE portal, please email the following details to exportcontrols@defence.gov.au
 - first and last name
 - email address
 - mobile number (including the country code)

My Australian Defence Exports portal

My Australian Defence Exports (MADE) portal is a new digital platform designed to **streamline** the **processing and management** of **Defence export applications in Australia**. It serves as the central location for submitting and managing Defence export permits and applications.



Key Features and Benefits

- Guidance and Self-Assessment
- User-Friendly Interface
- Comprehensive Application Management
- Self-Help Capabilities
- Enhanced Security



Applying for a Defence Export Controls Client Reference Number (DCRN)

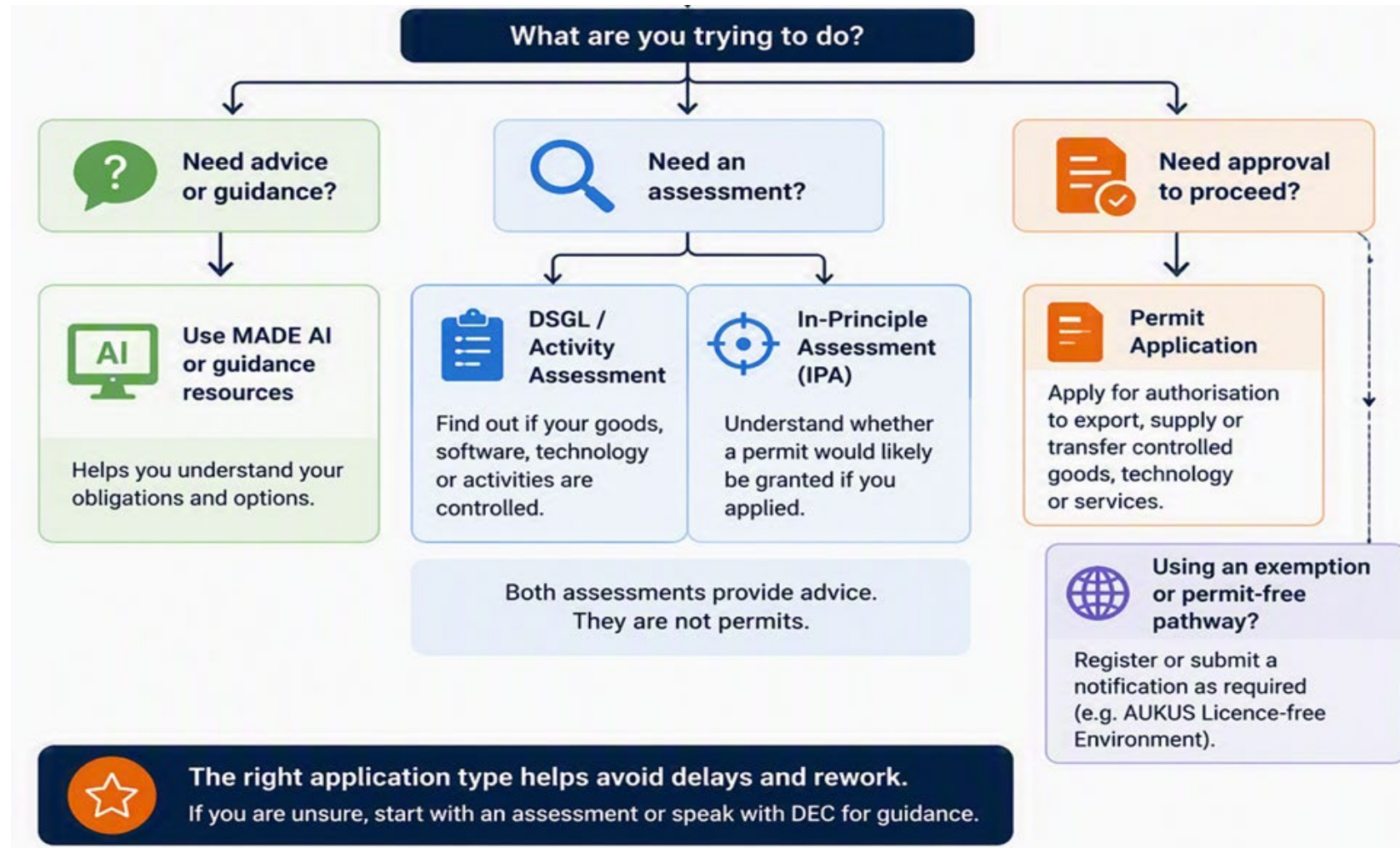


Important MADE Portal Updates

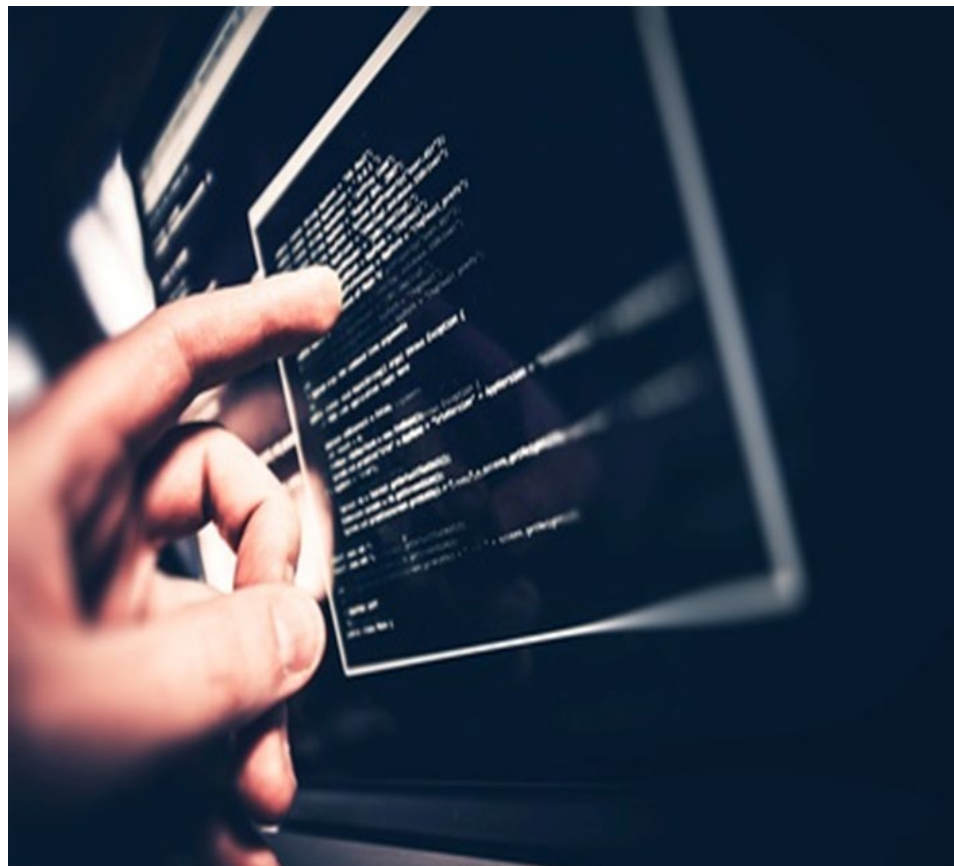
- Authentication changes for Direct Login Users
- What users need to know
- New preferred email address function
- Withdrawal of applications in MADE Portal



Choosing the right application type



Understanding DSGL and Activity Assessments



- Determines whether goods, software, technology or activities are controlled
- Useful when control status is uncertain
- Results in an Export Controls Assessment (ECA)
 - *An ECA is advice, not a permit*
- Helps inform next steps before applying



Understanding In-Principle Assessments

- Assesses the likelihood of a future permit being approved
- Useful for projects, tenders and investment decisions
- Supports planning and decision-making
- Does **not** authorise an activity
- Not legally binding and does not guarantee an approval



Most common application errors

- Selecting the wrong application type
- Choosing Export **and** Supply when only one activity applies
- Hidden formatting copied from external systems
- Password-protected attachments
- Oversized files and unsupported documents
- Most errors can be avoided through simple pre-submission checks



What makes a strong application

- Provide clear and complete item details
- Include technical specifications, quantities, make/model and DSGI references
- Clearly identify consignees, end-users and intended end use
- Complete and accurate information reduces Requests for Information (RFI) and assessment delays
- If information required to process a permit application is **not** provided or is **incomplete**, DEC will send an Request for Information (RFI) to the applicant.
- Permit applicants will want to avoid RFIs because they delay application **processing** times.

Three most common RFIs

1. Consignee or end user details
2. Description of goods or technology
3. Absent or incorrect general details
 - *e.g. single or multiple shipments; vague descriptions of line items; quantity of items*



Application Processing Times and Stages

- You can now track your application to see where it is up to, and how far it has to go via the MADE portal.
- Your application will progress through **four** stages of assessment:

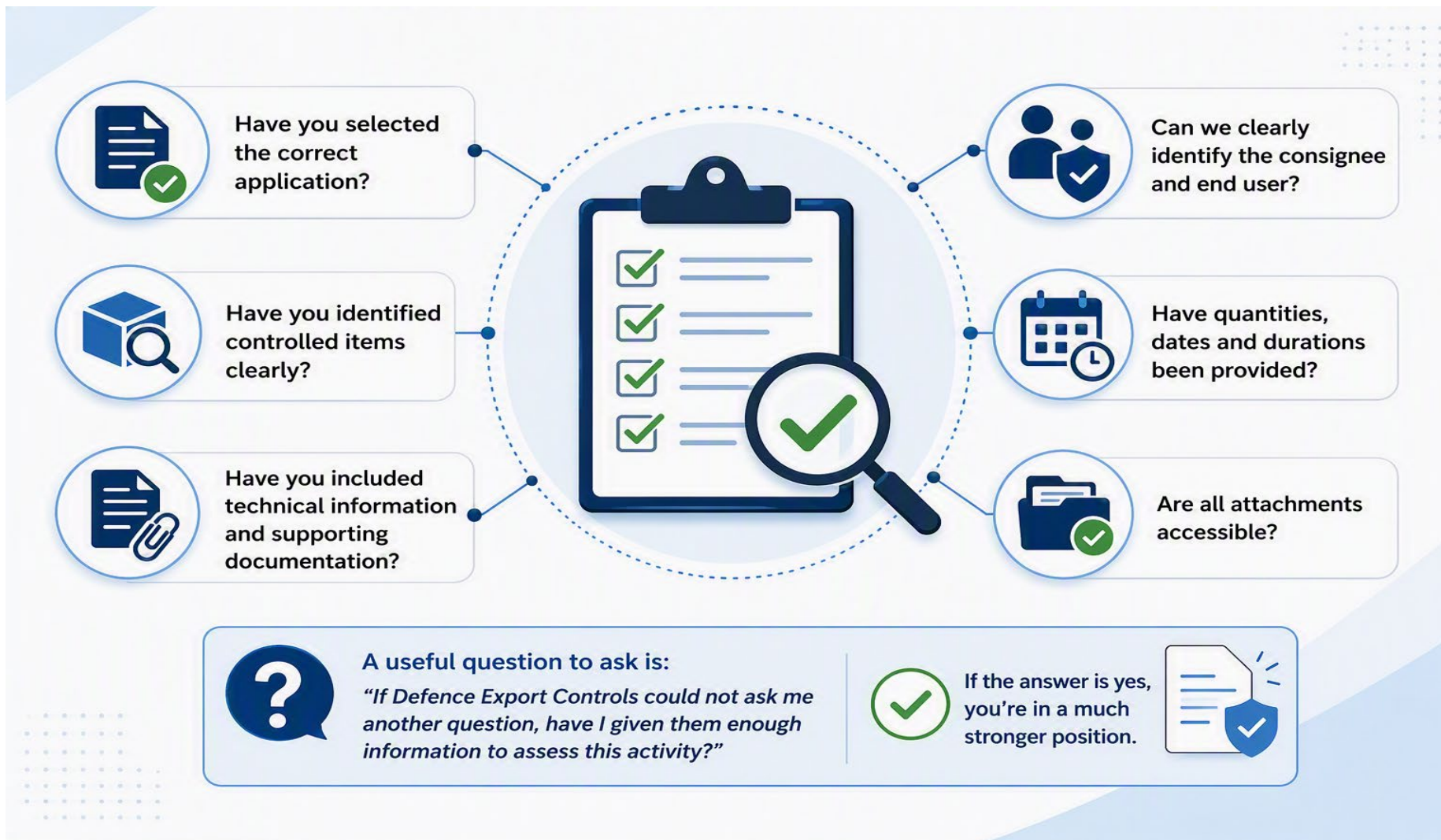
Four stages of Assessment:

1. **Submitted** – The QA team makes sure all information needed to assess the application is included.
2. **Under Assessment Stage 1** – with our Technical Assessment Team
3. **Under Assessment Stage 2** – with our Risk Assessment Team
4. **Final Stage** – with the Delegate for review

You may not need a permit to export your defence and dual-use goods, technology and services.



Pre-Submission Checklist



DEC is here to help

Website: www.defence.gov.au/business-industry/exporting

MADE AI: an AI Knowledge Assistant self help tool available 24 hours a day

Webinars: monthly educational webinars

DEC Bulletin: receive our monthly newsletter to stay informed and up-to-date

eLearning: e-learning package about Defence export controls

Helpdesk: Call 1800 333 362 (1800 DEFENCE) between 8.30-16.30 AEST



Thank you

