

Periodic Review of the USML

Q: Isn't the USML already reviewed on a periodic basis to ensure that coverage is appropriate?

A: The USML has been subject to interagency review on a number of occasions, the last review haven been undertaken in Spring of 1994. To date, however, the USG does not have a clearly defined schedule for reviewing the USML.

USG believes a set review schedule for the USML is required, especially when one considers the rapid advances in military capabilities that technology has afforded in the past several years.

Q: Will international munitions control lists, such as Wassenaar ML, provide a frame of reference for the USG when reviewing the USML?

A: The USG will consider a broad breath of factors, including international munitions list norms, when reviewing the USML. The USG will, however, reserve the right in principle to craft the USML accordance with U.S. foreign policy and national security interests.