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Seminar on Strategic Trade Controls in Southeast Asia
Virtual | July 28-29 and Aug 6-7, 2020 *(Malaysia Time (GMT+8))*

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

7:30 AM   **Virtual platform opens, A/V tests**

8:00 AM   **Welcome Remarks**
Speaker: Crystal Pryor

8:15 AM   **Session 1: STCs for nonproliferation…and internal security?**
What are the current threats to national and international security from the illicit trade in conventional arms and WMD and their components? UN Security Council Resolution 1540 requires controls on the export, transit, trans-shipment and re-export on WMD-relevant materials. Enforcement of the Resolution and of related treaty-based instruments like the Convention on the Protection of Nuclear Materials may help states that have concerns about the internal diversion of sensitive materials to non-state actors. How have STCs been applied in the region for internal security purposes, and how might they be enhanced?
Speakers: Scott Jones, Rajiv Nayan

9:15 AM   Coffee/stretch break

9:20 AM   **Session 2: Regional Update and Malaysia's STC System**
This session will begin with an update on the region's STC progress. The remainder of the time will focus on Malaysia's STC system. It will start with a review of Malaysia's relatively fast passage and implementation of the 2010 Strategic Trade Act. It will then describe the 2017 STA amendment and updates to its ITT Guidelines. What challenges has Malaysia faced in implementing ITT? Has it realized any trade facilitation benefits?
Speakers: George Tan (regional update), Ridzuan Bin Alias (Malaysia)

10:20 AM   **Day 1 recap**

10:30 AM   **Day 1 official program concludes; Informal exchange room opens**

11:00 AM   **Informal exchange room closes**

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

7:30 AM   **Virtual platform opens, A/V tests**

8:00 AM   **Session 3: Post-COVID-19 supply chains and trade facilitation**
What do supply chains look like in the post-COVID world, and how can STCs continue to protect them? How can STC measures secure and enhance investment, development, and intangible technology transfer? What nefarious state economic practices should the region be aware of as relates to nonproliferation and theft of technology? What economic/trade facilitation benefits have been realized by states that have implemented an STC system? Does an STC system make it possible to move up the technology supply chain?
Speakers: George Tan, Bryan Early, Ian Stewart

9:00 AM   Coffee/stretch break

9:05 AM   **Session 4: Regional Update 1 – Philippines, Thailand**
This session will provide updates on the STC systems of the Philippines and Thailand. These countries will share any updates on their STC legislation and regulations; control lists; interagency challenges and reach-back (information-sharing) capabilities; resourcing for STC; and industry outreach programs. It will also address what trade facilitation benefits, if any, have been realized since full implementation of their STC systems.
Speakers: Lorenz Anthony Fernando (Philippines), Rachata Leelawong (Thailand)

10:15 AM   **Day 2 recap**

10:30 AM   **Day 2 official program concludes; Informal exchange room opens**

11:00 AM   **Informal exchange room closes**

Thursday, August 6, 2020

7:30 AM   **Virtual platform opens, A/V tests**

8:00 AM   **Session 5: ASEAN and STC**
What is the role of regional organizations regarding STC? Would the region benefit from an ASEAN-wide approach to preventing WMD and conventional weapons proliferation? How can the management of strategic goods in special economic zones and STC be effectively integrated into the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and AEC Vision 2025, given paragraph B.5.4 of the ASEAN Political-Security Blueprint for 2025 to "enhance cooperation in the nonproliferation of WMD by encouraging and adopting effective export control regulations in accordance with international obligations and practice"?
Speakers: Mohamed Shahabar Abdul Kareem, Seema Gahlaut

9:00 AM   Coffee/stretch break

9:05 AM **Session 6: Regional Update 2 – Vietnam, Laos**
This session will provide updates on the STC systems of Indonesia and Vietnam. These countries will share updates on their legislation and regulatory development for STC implementation; control list development; interagency challenges and reach-back (information-sharing) capabilities; domestic resources available for STC; and industry outreach programs. It will also address what trade facilitation benefits, if any, have been realized.
Speakers: Jay Nash (regional update), Pham Minh Thu (Vietnam), Mohamed Shahabar Abdul Kareem (Laos)

10:15 AM **Day 3 recap**

10:30 AM **Day 3 official program concludes; Informal exchange room opens**

11:00 AM **Informal exchange room closes**

Friday, August 7, 2020

7:30 AM **Virtual platform opens, A/V tests**

8:00 AM **Session 7: World Customs Organization and STC; Exploring maturity models**
What is the WCO's approach to STC enforcement, and how does WCO's activities link back to licensing and regulatory officials? What is the WCO's approach to measuring national STC enforcement capabilities? Should a maturity model approach be used to assess baseline and improvements in STC implementation in the region?
Speakers: Peter Heine, Todd Perry

9:00 AM Coffee/stretch break

9:05 AM **Session 8: Regional Update 3 – Indonesia, Myanmar, and Cambodia**
This session will provide updates on the STC systems of Myanmar, Cambodia, and Laos. These countries will share updates on their legislation and regulatory development for STC implementation; control list development; interagency challenges and reach-back (information-sharing) capabilities; domestic resources available for STC; and industry outreach programs. It will also address what trade facilitation benefits, if any, have been realized.
Speakers: Alfian Chaniago (Indonesia), Phone Myint Naing (Myanmar), Samnang Chea (Cambodia)

10:15 AM **Session 9: Wrap-Up, Concluding Remarks, and Next Steps**
This session will summarize the meeting's key findings and reflect on next steps for STC in Southeast Asia.
Speaker: Crystal Pryor

10:45AM **Official program concludes; Informal exchange room opens**

11:15 AM **Informal exchange room closes**