# INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONTROL GLOBAL POLICY

#### 1. INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

National governments and international bodies, as part of wider foreign policy and national security objectives, may establish export control restrictions and sanctions against countries, individuals, entities, sectors and certain goods and technology.

Italmatch Group recognizes as a fundamental principle the fully compliance with laws and regulations governing international trade as they apply to Italmatch Group. Compliance with all aforementioned laws is compulsory and essential to our current business interests and future business opportunities. Italmatch Group will not start or continue any relationship with those who will not comply with these laws and principles.

This International Trade Control Policy ("Trade Control Policy") is applicable to Italmatch Chemicals S.p.A. and all its subsidiaries<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter collectively "Italmatch Group" or "Italmatch") and to all of Italmatch Group officers, directors and employees and everyone acting as representative or on behalf of Italmatch ("Group Representatives").

Each Group Representative shall read and become familiar with this Trade Control Policy and is expected to understand and at all times comply with it.

The guidance provided in this Policy is in addition to the guidelines set forth in any other policy, procedure code or guidelines established by each competent Group's entity on local basis with respect to the conduct of operations and business and, when required by local legislations, more restrictive measures will be applied.

Italmatch Group further requires all third parties with whom it and its Group Representatives deal with, to confirm that they are aware of the importance that Italmatch places on trade control and sanctions compliance, that they are aware of this Trade Control Policy and that they have a compliance culture to detect and prevent violations of this Trade Control Policy. On this regard, this Policy has been made available to all the parties through its release on Italmatch official website www.italmatch.com.

In order to ensure by all third parties' compliance with this Trade Control Policy and, in any case, with the Applicable Law (as defined in section 4 below), in the respective contracts between Italmatch and the aforementioned third parties the obligations enshrined in this Trade Control Policy shall be considered incorporated by reference.

# 2. EXPORT CONTROL RESTRICTIONS

Export controls laws and regulations cover the export and re-export of products, services, software, technology, technical data and refer to sanctions and antiboycott requirements.

While exports include (i) physical exports as well as (ii) electronic exports of data, software, and technology and, additionally, (iii) certain technical assistance (trainings, repair, etc.) re-export is the shipment or transmission of exported items from one foreign country to another and both can be subject to export controls.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "subsidiaries" are all the companies and/or entities directly or indirectly controlled by Italmatch Chemicals S.p.A., where "control" means the direct or indirect ownership of at least 50% of the capital or voting rights.

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In the context of U.S. export control law, exports also include technical data transfers to foreign nationals in the United States, disclosures of U.S. technical data in a foreign country to persons of a third country nationality, re-exports of U.S. origin items from one foreign country to another, and exports of foreign-made items that incorporate more than 10% U.S. content.

#### 3. SANCTIONS REGIME AND RESTRICTIVE MEASURES

Restrictive measures governing international trade are most commonly restrictive finance, trade and travel restrictive measures and can be:

- a) General, i.e. cover all transactions with certain countries or jurisdictions, certain transactions with countries or jurisdictions such as exports, imports or new investment, or transactions within a certain area of activity/products (e.g. arms sales to a particular country; goods/technology transfer to a particular country).
- b) Specific, i.e. related to specific lists of named individuals, legal entities, organizations, vessels etc. (the Office and Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) of U.S. Department of Treasury refers to some of these entities as "Specially Designated Nationals" as better defined below).
- c) Sectoral, i.e. cover certain parties in specific sectors (OFAC designates parties on a Sectoral Sanctions Identification List or "SSI List") but only restrict certain transactions of these designated parties.

Dual Use Items: please also be aware that under sanctions regime there are often restrictions on "dual use" items. Dual use items are goods, software, technology, documents and diagrams which can be used for both civil and military applications. They can range from raw materials to components and complete systems. Items used in the production or development of military goods, such as machine tools, chemical manufacturing equipment and computers can also be dual use. Trade of dual use goods remains primarily subject to applicable licenses and conformity to law's requirements as applicable.

Sanctions for breaching laws and regulations governing international trade are relevant to Italmatch Group's business for, among others, the following reasons:

- Italmatch may deal with business partners who may be from other jurisdictions, and those entities or persons (who may be operating in domestic or international markets) may be on sanctions blacklists, or subject to trade restrictions, meaning that business with them is either not permitted or subject to strict controls;
- Italmatch may operate sectors/goods subject to sanctions restrictions and/or licenses requirements.

Italmatch and Italmatch Group Representatives must at all times be aware of, and comply with, the relevant restrictions by ensuring that dealings with all business partners are sanctions compliant. Sanction regime breaches can have devastating consequences for companies and individuals and the business's own ability to trade and win contracts in the future, especially in any home jurisdiction.

Please be aware that it is also prohibited to, knowingly and/or intentionally, circumvent or evade all the aforementioned prohibitions and/or restrictions through the use of intermediaries.

### 4. APPLICABLE LAWS

#### **European Union Sanctions**

The Council of the European Union (the "Council") has adopted guidelines to impose sanctions within the framework of the Common Foreign and Security Policy ("CFSP"). Depending on the specific sanctions regime, the competent authorities of the EU member states and the European Commission have unique responsibilities for implementing, enforcing and monitoring violations of the applicable sanctions.

EU Regulations are directly applicable in EU Member States, so that entities incorporated or constituted under EU law, and to persons and entities doing business in the European Union (including non-EU nationals) as well as European citizens inside or outside the EU territory are subject to their provisions.

The EU sanctions regime includes arms embargoes, other specific or general trade restrictions (import and export bans), economic and financial sanctions, and restrictions on admission (visa or travel bans). Sanctions may target governments of third countries, non-state entities or individuals.

Due to the diversity among sanctions and their constant update, all Italmatch Group Representatives shall always visit the "EU Sanction" webpage and map of the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) for information on the current status of EU sanctions as well as on the content of specific EU sanctioning program before doing international trade business.

Currently sanctioned countries include: Afghanistan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Burundi, Central African Republic, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK – North Korea), Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Iran (Human rights and weapons of mass destruction), Iraq, Lebanon (restrictive measures in relation to the UN Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006) and to the 14 February 2005 terrorist bombing in Beirut) Libya (restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya and prohibiting the satisfying of certain claims in relation to transactions that have been prohibited by the UN Security Council Resolution 883 (1993) and related resolutions), Mali, Moldova, Montenegro, Myanmar (Burma), Nicaragua, Niger, Russia, Serbia, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria (restrictive measures in relation to the 14 February 2005 terrorist bombing in Beirut and against Syria), Tunisia, Ukraine (misappropriation of state funds, territorial integrity and Crimea), Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe).

People refer to Eu Sanction Map for the full and from time-to-time updated list.

The EU has also in place sanctioning regimes against the <u>proliferation and use of chemical</u> weapons, cyber-attacks, terrorism (including terrorism related to ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida).

## **USA Sanctions**

In the US, trade activities are primarily regulated by the U.S. Department of Commerce through its Export Administration Regulations ("EAR"), the Department of State through its International Traffic in Arms Regulations ("ITAR"), and the Department of the Treasury through its Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC").

The U.S. Department of Commerce has responsibility over trade activities and exports which are primarily commercial items. The U.S. Department of Commerce establishes the so-called Export Control Classification Number ("ECCN"), which determines the conditions and limitations under which an export may be made (including whether it requires a license and/or a license exception due to the fact that the item is sold to a particular person, to a particular destination, or for a particular end-use).

The U.S. Department of State has responsibility over trade activities and exports which meet the definition of defense articles, technical data, or defense service, as per the list elaborated and updated by the ITAR. Virtually all exports falling within the scope of application of the ITAR require an export license to be issued by the U.S. Department of State.

OFAC has responsibility for administrating, implementing, and enforcing economic sanctions. OFAC sanctions are applicable to (i) U.S. persons and companies, companies controlled by U.S. entities (ii) individuals located in the territory of the U.S.

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U.S. sanctions programs vary in scope. Some are broad-based and oriented geographically (i.e. Cuba, Iran). Others are "targeted" (i.e. <u>counter-terrorism</u>, <u>counter-narcotics</u>, <u>counter-cybercrimes</u> counter-trafficking, <u>counter-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction</u>, <u>counter-organized crime</u>) and focus on specific individuals and entities.

Currently the US sanctioned countries include: the <u>Afghanistan</u>, <u>Balkans</u>, <u>Belarus</u>, <u>Burma</u>, <u>Central African Republic</u>, <u>Cuba</u>, <u>Democratic Republic of the Congo</u>, <u>Ethiopia</u>, <u>Hong Kong</u>, <u>Iran</u>, <u>Iraq</u>, <u>Lebanon</u>, <u>Libya</u>, <u>Mali</u>, <u>Nicaragua</u>, <u>North Korea</u>, <u>Somalia</u>, <u>Sudan and Darfur</u>, <u>South Sudan</u>, <u>Syria</u>, <u>Ukraine/Russia</u>, <u>Venezuela</u>, <u>Yemen</u>, <u>Zimbabwe</u>.

Due to the diversity among sanctions and their constant update, all Italmatch Group Representative shall always visit the "Sanctions Programs and Country Information" page for information on the current status of US sanctions as well as on the content of specific US sanctioning programs before doing international trade business.

In addition to the lists of sanctioned countries, OFAC also publishes a list of individuals and companies owned or controlled by, or acting for or on behalf of, targeted countries. It also lists individuals, groups, and entities, such as terrorists and narcotics traffickers designated under programs that are not country-specific. Collectively, such individuals and companies are called "Specially Designated Nationals" or "SDNs.".

The prohibitions in the regulations generally prohibit U.S. persons and companies from doing business with the individuals and entities directly included on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List ("SDN List") and/or individuals owned or controlled by individuals or entities on the SDN List, absent a license from OFAC. U.S. persons are prohibited from dealing with SDNs regardless of location and all SDN assets are blocked. Entities that an SDN owns (defined as a direct or indirect ownership interest of 50% or more) are also blocked, regardless of whether that entity is separately named on the SDN List.

OFAC updates the SDN List on a regular basis. Updated information in this respect can be found visiting the US treasury webpage.

OFAC's sanctions regulations also prohibit U.S. persons and companies from "facilitating" activities by a non-U.S. person with Embargoed Countries or Blocked Persons that would be violative of the sanctions regulations if conducted by a U.S. Person. This means that U.S. persons and companies may even not assist or support transactions that would be prohibited if carried out by a U.S. person and companies.

#### **UK Sanctions and other Countries**

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office has overall responsibility for the UK's policy on sanctions, arms embargoes and trade restrictions. Her Majesty's Treasury ("HM Treasury") has primary responsibility for administering, implementing, and enforcing the UK financial sanctions regime.

The UK automatically imposes all financial sanctions created by the UN and the EU. In addition, a small number of financial sanctions are created directly by the UK Government.

Currently UK sanctioned countries include: <u>Afghanistan</u>, <u>Armenia and Azerbaijan</u>, <u>Belarus</u>, <u>Bosnia and Herzegovina</u>, <u>Myanmar (Burma)</u>, <u>Burundi</u>, <u>Central African Republic</u>, <u>Democratic People's Republic of Korea</u>, <u>Democratic Republic of the Congo</u>, <u>Republic of Guinea</u>, <u>Republic of Guinea</u>, <u>Bissau</u>, <u>Haiti</u>, <u>Iran (human rights and nuclear proliferation)</u>, <u>Iraq</u>, <u>Lebanon and Syria</u>, <u>Libya</u>, <u>Mali</u>, <u>Nicaragua</u>, <u>Russia</u>, <u>Somalia</u>, <u>South Sudan</u>, <u>Sudan</u>, <u>Syria</u>, <u>Ukraine (Misappropriation and Human Rights and Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity)</u>, <u>Venezuela</u>, <u>Yemen</u>, <u>Zimbabwe</u>.

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The HM Treasury also provides a list of individuals and entities that are currently subject to financial sanctions for believed involvement in terrorist activity (including ISIL (Da'esh) and AlQaida organisations).

Due to the diversity among sanctions and their constant update, all Italmatch Group Representative shall always visit the website of <u>UK HM Treasury</u> for information on the current status of UK sanctions as well as on the content of specific UK sanctioning programs before doing international trade business.

All Italmatch Group Representative shall be aware that, in addition, other countries in which Italmatch conducts business may impose similar trade sanctions and restrictions with respect to one or more of the same or other countries.

### 5. DUE DILIGENCE, MONITORING ACTIVITY AND COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

Italmatch Group set forth an internal Due Diligence Process to evaluate and prevent risks related to trade sanctions and restricted parties.

All Italmatch Group Representative shall always conduct Due Diligence process to collect information and data prior to entering into any arrangements, to address prospective parties, countries and goods under dealing.

Particular attention should be paid in order to identify warning signs also coming from the Due Diligence activity which may potentially indicate that a prospective business partner might not comply with the Applicable Law. This warning signs include inter alia:

- (i) involvement of restricted countries (such as inter alia Iran, Cuba, North Korea, Syria and Sudan);
- (ii) unfamiliar prospective customer without convincing references;
- (iii) unsatisfactory answers by a prospective customer to ordinary questions (e.g. inter alia questions about end use, end user, delivery dates, locations or transit countries);
- (iv) unusual transactions and/or unusual or changing business conditions and/or payments terms and/or terms of delivery and/or requests that seem incompatible with the state utilization and/or destination of the purchased goods (e.g. inter alia with regard to consignee, customer, end use or location, willingness to pay amount in cash; lack of concern for installation, testing, training and warranty service);
- (v) unusual security or safety measures.

Compliance with the sanctions regimes is best achieved by screening all parties against the sanctions List in force and by exercising Due Diligence on sales and other forms of trade with or to certain geographic areas subject to sanctions. All Italmatch Group Representative may use the Sanctions List Search tool available on the OFAC website and the EU Sanction Map available at EU Sanctions Map to search and verify the potential inclusion in said list of foreign business party. By way of exemplification, all Italmatch Group Representative shall never engage nor enter into any transaction with prospective business partners that are listed on government lists.

In addition, all Italmatch Group Representative shall never engage nor enter into any transaction with prospective business partners from a prohibited country under EU, US or UK legislation (and/or under any other countries' legislation, should the latter applies).

If any Group Representatives has reason to believe that any export or re-export may be intended for an inappropriate end-use, end-user, or destination, or the consummation of such export or re-export may be in violation of applicable EU or U.S. or any other export control laws, such person shall halt the transaction and contact Compliance Officer or Legal Department in order to deeper investigate and evaluate appropriate actions.

In addition, the Group recognizes the importance of training as an essential part of an effective compliance program. For this purpose, the Group is investing in its employees' knowledge and

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awareness and will continue to provide periodic training including specific focus on, among others, trade sanctions and export laws.

The Group ensures an open-door policy to strengthen Italmatch Group commitment to ensure compliance with export laws regulations.

The Group enforces whistle-blower procedures prohibiting retaliation and discrimination against employees and Group people who in good faith report of a suspected violation, ensuring the protection of confidentiality. The following official e-mail addresses <a href="ethics@italmatch.com">ethics@italmatch.com</a> and <a href="economicalmatch.com">compliance@italmatch.com</a> are active to report any violation of Applicable Laws and/or of this Policy.

Italmatch Whistleblowing Global Policy with specific reference to reporting, processing and managing the whistleblowing reports is also available on Italmatch Group official website: www.ltalmatch.com.

#### 6. DISCIPLINE

Violations of the legal requirements could subject Italmatch Group and its employees to criminal penalties, civil penalties, including large fines, the loss of export privileges and debarment.

Italmatch views the failure of any employee to comply with this Trade Control Policy and/or with the Applicable Law as a serious violation.

Non-compliance with the applicable rules by Italmatch employees could result in corporate discipline, including dismissal.

Each employee is required to understand and comply with Trade Control Policy and the export laws and regulations as they apply to his or her job activities. Italmatch Group Representatives especially involved in international trade shall routinely check those lists when doing international trade business (please refer to the links in point 4 "Applicable Laws") and activate Due Diligence process in accordance with this Policy and internal processes and procedures.

Any employee who violates this Policy, or more specific procedures set forth by the competent Group companies on local basis, as well as export law and regulations will be subject to discipline, which may include termination of employment.

Distributors, agents, consultants, suppliers, customers and other third parties working for and with the Group who are found to be in violation of this Policy as well as export laws and regulations will be subject to termination of the business relationship as well as any other legal and remedial actions available to the Group under applicable laws.

#### 7. GOING FORWARD

This Policy, approved by the Board of Directors of Italmatch Chemicals S.p.A., consolidates our commitments and strengthens our processes. Its principles are implemented across our operations and value chain.

We regularly evaluate and review the best tools to strengthen our approach. Believing in an integrated approach, we work through external initiatives and partnerships to address shared challenges.

This Policy is made available to all the parties concerned through its release on Italmatch Group official website www.italmatch.com. Any questions or concerns regarding the implementation or operation of this Trade Control Policy must be promptly addressed to Italmatch Compliance Officer or the Legal Department.

Italmatch reserves the right to modify unilaterally this Policy at any time and without notice; amendments may be necessary, among others, for compliance reasons and/or in accordance with any regulatory changes.

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In the event of any discrepancies between the English version of this Policy and any translated version, the English version shall be binding.

