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## Paper for the House Committee Meeting on 24 April 2015

## Legal Service Division Report on Subsidiary Legislation Gazetted on 17 April 2015

Tabling in LegCo:	Council meeting of 22 April 2015
Amendment to be made by:	Council meeting of 20 May 2015 (or that of 10 June 2015 if extended by resolution)

## Import and Export (Strategic Commodities) Regulations (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2015 (Commencement) Notice

(L.N. 77)

By L.N. 77, the Director-General of Trade and Industry appoints 20 April 2015 as the day on which the Import and Export (Strategic Commodities) Regulations (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2015 ("the Order") comes into operation.

2. The Order amends Schedule 1 to the Import and Export (Strategic Commodities) Regulations (Cap. 60G) to reflect the latest changes made to the control lists of strategic commodities adopted by various international non-proliferation regimes, and makes minor textual amendments concerning the description of some items set out in Schedule 1 to Cap. 60G. According to the LegCo Brief issued in respect of the Order by the Trade and Industry Department on 28 January 2015 (File Ref: TRA CR 1506/2), those changes generally reflect the on-going relaxation of control on strategic commodities which are mainly used for industrial purposes but which may also be applied to military uses. The effect of the Order is that the trade will be relieved of the requirement to obtain a licence for the import and export of certain strategic commodities which are no longer controlled by the international regimes.

3. No subcommittee was formed to study the Order. The Administration has not issued a LegCo Brief in respect of L.N. 77.

4. As advised by the Clerk to the Panel on Commerce and Industry, the Panel has not been consulted on L.N. 77.

5. No difficulties have been identified in the legal and drafting aspects of this item of subsidiary legislation.

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