

CROSS-BORDER SANCTIONS & DUAL-USE TECH

Directive 2024/1226 Governs Corporate Criminal Sanctions as US BIS Affiliate Suspension Matures on 10 November 2026

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PRIMARY LIABILITY DRIVER: Member State criminal enforcement under Directive (EU) 2024/1226 establishes maximum corporate fines of at least 5% of worldwide turnover or €40,000,000 for intentional sanctions violations (and at least 1% / €8,000,000 for specific circumvention offenses), intersecting with the potential expiration of the US BIS 50% foreign affiliate administrative suspension on 10 November 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As of 10 October 2026, corporate exposure under European Union restrictive measures is governed by Directive (EU) 2024/1226, which established a national transposition deadline of 20 May 2025. While transposition across Member States continues to exhibit procedural variation, the Directive requires Member States to establish corporate criminal or administrative liability for intentional violations and circumvention of Union sanctions. Pursuant to Article 7, Member States must establish maximum fine ceilings of at least 5% of worldwide turnover or €40,000,000 for primary offenses, and at least 1% or €8,000,000 for specified circumvention offenses under Article 3(1)(h)(iii)-(iv). Concurrently, Regulation (EU) 2021/821 enforces export authorization for Annex I dual-use items, while Article 12g of Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 requires exporters to contractually prohibit re-exportation to Russia of Common High Priority items and goods listed in Annexes XI, XX, and XXXV when selling to non-partner third countries.

In parallel, multinational technology firms must manage extraterritorial US Export Administration Regulations (EAR, 15 CFR Parts 734–744). Under 90 FR 50857, the administrative suspension of the US BIS 50% Entity List foreign affiliate rule (codified under 15 CFR §§ 744.11 and 744.16) expires on 10 November 2026; absent further administrative action, foreign entities owned 50% or more by Entity List parties become subject to full licensing requirements. Furthermore, US deemed export rules under 15 CFR § 734.13(a)(2) apply specifically to the release of controlled technology or source code to foreign persons within the United States. General Counsels must audit supply chain intermediaries, verify Article 12g contractual covenants, and screen shareholding structures against BIS Entity List affiliations.

1. AUDITED STATUTORY MILESTONES & PRIMARY SOURCE VERIFICATION

Statutory Instrument / Citation	Gate	Legal & Operational Impact
Directive (EU) 2024/1226, Articles 3, 7 and 9 Status: ENACTED / MEMBER STATE TRANSPOSITION	2025-05-20	Mandates Member State penalties against legal persons for intentional sanctions violations, setting statutory maximum fine floors of at least 5% of worldwide turnover or €40,000,000 (and at least 1% / €8,000,000 for circumvention offenses).
Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, Article 12g Status: ENACTED / IN FORCE	2024-03-20	Mandates contractual clauses prohibiting re-export to Russia and adequate remedies when exporting Common High Priority items or sensitive goods to third countries outside Annex VIII partner jurisdictions.
Regulation (EU) 2021/821, Articles 3, 4 and 5 Status: ENACTED / IN FORCE	2021-09-09	Codifies authorization requirements for exports of Annex I dual-use items and competent authority catch-all powers for unlisted items destined for military or surveillance end-uses.
US EAR 15 CFR §§ 744.11 & 744.16 [90 FR 50857] Status: SCHEDULED HORIZON	2026-11-10	Expiration of the administrative suspension of the 50% ownership affiliate rule; absent an extension, foreign entities owned 50% or more by Entity List parties become directly subject to EAR licensing restrictions.
US EAR 15 CFR § 734.9 & § 734.13(a)(2) Status: ENACTED / IN FORCE	2024-04-04	Enforces extraterritorial Foreign Direct Product Rules (FDPR) on specified foreign-produced items and governs deemed export licensing upon release of controlled source code to foreign persons within US jurisdiction.

2. GENERAL COUNSEL ACTION MATRIX & WORKSTREAMS

Priority & Classification	Required Operational Action	Owner	Gate
[CRITICAL] LEGAL REQUIREMENT	Audit export sales of Common High Priority items to non-partner third countries to ensure mandatory Article 12g 'No Re-Export to Russia' clauses and breach remedies are active. Anchor: Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, Article 12g	General Counsel	2026-11-15
[HIGH] REGULATORY EXPECTATION	Map beneficial ownership across tier-1 semiconductor and tech component suppliers to identify 50%+ ownership interests held by US Entity List parties ahead of 10 November 2026. Anchor: US EAR 15 CFR §§ 744.11 & 744.16	Chief Compliance Officer	2026-10-31
[HIGH] RECOMMENDED CONTROL	Implement access partitioning and role-based permissions for engineering repositories holding US-nexus dual-use source code to manage US deemed export obligations. Anchor: US EAR 15 CFR § 734.13(a)(2)	Chief Information Security Officer	2026-11-30
[CRITICAL] RECOMMENDED CONTROL	Establish enhanced end-user screening protocols covering transshipment hubs (UAE, Turkey, Central Asia) for transactions involving Common High Priority items. Anchor: Directive (EU) 2024/1226, Article 3 & Regulation (EU) 2021/821, Article 4	Chief Operating Officer	2026-12-15

3. 90-DAY EXPOSURE & CAPITAL ALLOCATION PROFILE

Modeled 90-Day Budget Range: €450,000 - €850,000 (Model Total: €680,000)
Estimation Basis: Illustrative enterprise scenario: assumes cross-border supply chain screening across 85 international distributors, beneficial ownership forensic audits, and export classification legal retainers.

- **Specialized international trade & sanctions legal retainers:** €210,000
- **Ultimate beneficial owner (UBO) automated screening software:** €180,000
- **Distributor contract remediation & Article 12g covenants:** €120,000
- **Dual-use technology code repository access re-architecture:** €95,000
- **Regulatory inspection and transshipment audit reserve:** €75,000

Primary Liability Vector: Corporate criminal prosecution and administrative fines under Member State enactments of Directive (EU) 2024/1226 (maximum fines of at least 5% of worldwide turnover or €40,000,000) and extraterritorial US BIS export denial orders.

Affected Population: Undertakings manufacturing, exporting, or transshipping Annex I dual-use items, Common High Priority list goods, advanced computing items, or operating global supply chains with exposure to US Entity List ownership rules.

4. DECISIONS REQUIRED THIS QUARTER (BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE)

1. DECISION: Authorize enterprise UBO screening deployment (modeled at €180,000) to identify 50%+ Entity List affiliates ahead of 10 November 2026, closed upon system integration and false-positive audit sign-off.
2. DECISION: Instruct sales operations to condition third-country shipments of Common High Priority items on binding Article 12g non-re-export covenants, closed upon confirmation of automated order-block controls.
3. DECISION: Commission independent audit of intermediate trade routes across high-risk transshipment jurisdictions, closed upon receipt of final audit report.