

2025~2027: A Summary of AI Hardware Export Control from the West

■ Country Tiers and Restrictions

Tier	Description
Tier 1	Australia; New Zealand; Canada; United Kingdom Belgium; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Ireland; Italy; Netherlands; Norway; Spain; Sweden Taiwan Province; South Korea; Japan
Tier 2	Countries like Singapore, India, and Israel with controlled access and specific limits.
Tier 3	Restricted countries (e.g., China, Russia, Belarus) with strict bans on advanced AI hardware.

■ Key Limits for Tier-2 Countries

Limit	Description
26.9M TPP	Annual TPP exemption limit for individual organizations in Tier 2 countries (equivalent to ~1,700 H100 GPUs).
790M TPP	Three-year (2025~2027) cumulative national limit for Tier 2 countries (equivalent to ~50,000 H100 GPUs).

Regulations Summary

Condition	Requirement	Legal Basis
Purchase ≤ 26.9M TPP	Submit self-declaration (use + no tech transfer), exporter files with BIS.	Source 1, 44
Purchase > 26.9M TPP	Apply for BIS license with detailed technical parameters and end-use proof.	Source 1, 5
Involves AI model training	Requires BIS special license regardless of TPP (Presumption of Denial applies).	Source 1, 44
Involves Tier 3 entities	Triggers "Red Flag Warning," transaction must pause and be reported to BIS.	Source 1, 44

■ Example Case: National University Hospital, Singapore

Year: 2024 Purchase: 800 A100 GPUs for genomic analysis Total TPP: 5,734,400

- 1. Submit "LPP Annual Certification" to NVIDIA to confirm remaining TPP.
- 2. Sign "End-Use Declaration," ensuring no AI training is involved.
- 3. NVIDIA files with BIS post-shipment; no additional review triggered.

Tier 2 countries can submit applications for approval to import AI cards through the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) SNAP-R (Simplified Network Application Process - Redesign) portal. This is the official platform for filing export license applications under the Export Administration Regulations (EAR).

Key Notes on Approval Process

- Applications exceeding 26.9M TPP or involving sensitive use cases (e.g., AI model training) are subject to more stringent review.
- Tier 2 countries have a cumulative cap of 790M TPP (≈50,000 H100 GPUs) for 2025–2027, and applications exceeding this will likely be denied.
- The BIS has a "presumption of denial" policy for applications involving Tier 3 entities or unauthorized uses.