Technical assistance

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – AS OF 13 APRIL 2022

1. How should one interpret the prohibition to provide technical assistance and brokering services that accompany export-ban measures under Council Regulation 833/2014?

The definitions of ‘technical assistance’ and ‘brokering services’ can be found in Articles 1(c) and 1(d) of Council Regulation 833/2014. All export bans are accompanied by prohibitions to provide technical assistance and brokering services. These provisions are meant to avoid that EU operators who cannot export the goods subject to an export ban support a third country in obtaining, manufacturing, repairing, maintaining etc. the goods on its own. Your national competent authority can assist you in determining whether services your company provide qualify as ‘technical assistance’ or ‘brokering services’ for goods subject to an export ban under Council Regulation 833/2014.