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- Note 1: Computers, related equipment and "softwar"e performing telecommunications or "local area networ"k functions must also be evaluated against the performance characteristics of Category 5, Part 1 (Telecommunications).
- Note 2: Control units which directly interconnect the buses or channels of central processing units, 'main storage' or disk controllers are not regarded as telecommunications equipment described in Category 5, Part 1 (Telecommunications).
- NB: For the control status of "softwar"e specially designed for packet switching, see 5D001.

Technical Note:

'Main storage' is the primary storage for data or instructions for rapid access by a central processing unit. It consists of the internal storage of a "digital compute" r and any hierarchical extension thereto, such as cache storage or non-sequentially accessed extended storage.

Systems, Equipment and Components

Electronic computers and related equipment, having any of the following and "electronic assemblies" and specially designed components therefor:

NB: SEE ALSO 4A101.

- a. Specially designed to have any of the following:
 - 1. Rated for operation at an ambient temperature below 228 K (- 45 °C) or above 358 K (85 °C); or

Note: 4A001.a.1. does not control computers specially designed for civil automobile, railway train or "civil aircraf"t applications.

2. Radiation hardened to exceed any of the following specifications:

a.	Total Dose	5×10^3 Gy (silicon);
b.	Dose Rate Upset	5 × 10 ⁶ Gy (silicon)/s; or
c.	Single Event Upset	1×10^{-8} Error/bit/day;

Note: 4A001.a.2. does not control computers specially designed for "civil aircraf"t applications.

b. Not used.

"Digital computers", "electronic assemblies", and related equipment therefor, as follows and specially designed components therefor:

Note 1: 4A003 includes the following:

- 'Vector processors';
- Array processors;
- Digital signal processors;
- Logic processors;

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- Equipment designed for "image enhancemen"t.
- Note 2: The control status of the "digital computer"s and related equipment described in 4A003 is determined by the control status of other equipment or systems provided:
- a. The "digital computer"s or related equipment are essential for the operation of the other equipment or systems;
- b. The "digital computer"s or related equipment are not a "principal elemen"t of the other equipment or systems; and
 - NB: 1: The control status of "signal processin"g or "image enhancemen"t equipment specially designed for other equipment with functions limited to those required for the other equipment is determined by the control status of the other equipment even if it exceeds the "principal elemen"t criterion.
 - NB: 2: For the control status of "digital computer"s or related equipment for telecommunications equipment, see Category 5, Part 1 (Telecommunications).
- c. The "technolog"y for the "digital computer"s and related equipment is determined by 4E.
- a. Not used;
- b. "Digital computers" having an "Adjusted Peak Performance" ("APP") exceeding 29 Weighted TeraFLOPS (WT);
- c. "Electronic assemblies" specially designed or modified for enhancing performance by aggregation of processors so that the "APP" of the aggregation exceeds the limit specified in 4A003.b.;
 - Note 1: 4A003.c. controls only "electronic assemblie"s and programmable interconnections not exceeding the limit specified in 4A003.b. when shipped as unintegrated "electronic assemblie"s.
 - Note 2: 4A003.c. does not control "electronic assemblie"s specially designed for a product or family of products whose maximum configuration does not exceed the limit specified in 4A003.b.
- d. Not used:
- e. Not used:
- f. Not used;
- g. Equipment specially designed for aggregating the performance of "digital computers" by providing external interconnections which allows communications at unidirectional data rates exceeding 2,0 Gbyte/s per link.
 - Note: 4A003.g. does not control internal interconnection equipment (e.g. backplanes, buses), passive interconnection equipment, "network access controller"s or "communications channel controller"s.

Computers as follows and specially designed related equipment, "electronic assemblies" and components therefor:

a. 'Systolic array computers';

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- b. 'Neural computers';
- c. 'Optical computers'.

Technical Notes:

- 1. 'Systolic array computers' are computers where the flow and modification of the data is dynamically controllable at the logic gate level by the user.
- 2. 'Neural computers' are computational devices designed or modified to mimic the behaviour of a neuron or a collection of neurons, i.e., computational devices which are distinguished by their hardware capability to modulate the weights and numbers of the interconnections of a multiplicity of computational components based on previous data.
- 3. 'Optical computers' are computers designed or modified to use light to represent data and whose computational logic elements are based on directly coupled optical devices.

Systems, equipment, and components therefor, specially designed or modified for the generation, command and control, or delivery of "intrusion software".

Analogue computers, "digital computers" or digital differential analysers, other than those specified in 4A001.a.1., which are ruggedized and designed or modified for use in space launch vehicles specified in 9A004 or sounding rockets specified in 9A104.

Hybrid computers specially designed for modelling, simulation or design integration of space launch vehicles specified in 9A004 or sounding rockets specified in 9A104.

Note: This control only applies when the equipment is supplied with "softwar"e specified in 7D103 or 9D103.

Test, Inspection and Production Equipment

None.

Materials

None.

Software

Note: The control status of "softwar"e for equipment described in other Categories is dealt with in the appropriate Category.

"Software" as follows:

- a. "Software" specially designed or modified for the "development" or "production" of equipment or "software" specified in 4A001 to 4A004, or 4D.
- b. "Software", other than that specified in 4D001.a., specially designed or modified for the "development" or "production" of equipment as follows:
 - 1. "Digital computers" having an "Adjusted Peak Performance" ("APP") exceeding 15 Weighted TeraFLOPS (WT);
 - 2. "Electronic assemblies" specially designed or modified for enhancing performance by aggregation of processors so that the "APP" of the aggregation exceeds the limit in 4D001.b.1.

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"Software" specially designed or modified for the generation, command and control, or delivery of "intrusion software".

Note: 4D004 does not control "softwar"e specially designed and limited to provide "softwar"e updates or upgrades meeting all the following:

- a. The update or upgrade operates only with the authorisation of the owner or administrator of the system receiving it; and
- b. After the update or upgrade, the "softwar"e updated or upgraded is not any of the following:
 - 1. "Softwar"e specified in 4D004; or
 - 2. "Intrusion softwar"e.

Technology

- a. "Technology" according to the General Technology Note, for the "development", "production" or "use" of equipment or "software" specified in 4A or 4D.
- b. "Technology", according to the General Technology Note, other than that specified in 4E001.a., for the "development" or "production" of equipment as follows:
 - 1. "Digital computers" having an "Adjusted Peak Performance" ("APP") exceeding 15 Weighted TeraFLOPS (WT);
 - 2. "Electronic assemblies" specially designed or modified for enhancing performance by aggregation of processors so that the "APP" of the aggregation exceeds the limit in 4E001.b.1.
- c. "Technology" for the "development" of "intrusion software".
 - Note 1: 4E001.a. and 4E001.c. do not control "vulnerability disclosur"e or "cyber incident respons"e.
 - Note 2: Note 1 does not diminish the rights of the competent authority of the EU Member State in which the exporter is established to ascertain compliance with 4E001.a. and 4E001.c.

TECHNICAL NOTE ON "ADJUSTED PEAK PERFORMANCE" ("APP")

"APP" is an adjusted peak rate at which "digital computers" perform 64-bit or larger floating point additions and multiplications.

"APP" is expressed in Weighted TeraFLOPS (WT), in units of 10^{12} adjusted floating point operations per second.

Abbreviations used in this Technical Note

n number of processors in the "digital computer"

i processor number (i,...n) t_i processor cycle time $(t_i = 1/F_i)$

F_i processor frequency

R_i peak floating point calculating rate W_i architecture adjustment factor

Outline of "APP" calculation method

1. For each processor i, determine the peak number of 64-bit or larger floating point operations, FPO_i, performed per cycle for each processor in the "digital computer".

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- Note: In determining FPO, include only 64-bit or larger floating point additions or multiplications. All floating point operations must be expressed in operations per processor cycle; operations requiring multiple cycles may be expressed in fractional results per cycle. For processors not capable of performing calculations on floating point operands of 64-bit or more, the effective calculating rate R is zero.
- 2. Calculate the floating point rate R for each processor $R_i = FPO_i/t_i$.
- 3. Calculate "APP" as "APP" = $W_1 \times R_1 + W_2 \times R_2 + ... + W_n \times R_n$.
- 4. For 'vector processors', $W_i = 0.9$. For non-'vector processors', $W_i = 0.3$.
- Note 1: For processors that perform compound operations in a cycle, such as addition and multiplication, each operation is counted.
- Note 2: For a pipelined processor the effective calculating rate R is the faster of the pipelined rate, once the pipeline is full, or the non-pipelined rate.
- Note 3: The calculating rate R of each contributing processor is to be calculated at its maximum value theoretically possible before the "AP"P of the combination is derived. Simultaneous operations are assumed to exist when the computer manufacturer claims concurrent, parallel, or simultaneous operation or execution in a manual or brochure for the computer.
- Note 4: Do not include processors that are limited to input/output and peripheral functions (e.g., disk drive, communication and video display) when calculating "AP"P.
- Note 5: "AP"P values are not to be calculated for processor combinations (inter)connected by "Local Area Network"s, Wide Area Networks, I/O shared connections/devices, I/O controllers and any communication interconnection implemented by "softwar"e.
- Note 6: "AP"P values must be calculated for processor combinations containing processors specially designed to enhance performance by aggregation, operating simultaneously and sharing memory;

Technical Notes:

- 1. Aggregate all processors and accelerators operating simultaneously and located on the same die.
- 2. Processor combinations share memory when any processor is capable of accessing any memory location in the system through the hardware transmission of cache lines or memory words, without the involvement of any software mechanism, which may be achieved using "electronic assemblie"s specified in 4A003.c.
- Note 7: A 'vector processor' is defined as a processor with built-in instructions that perform multiple calculations on floating-point vectors (one-dimensional arrays of 64-bit or larger numbers) simultaneously, having at least 2 vector functional units and at least 8 vector registers of at least 64 elements each.

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