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Moderated Forum:

Export Control,

Encryption Policy & Washington Update

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Company Background:

DTI is the Government Department in the UK responsible for trade matters and the competitiveness of the UK industry. The Directorate Mr. Hickson is responsible for all information society issues.

Presentation Overview:

The presentation will cover the UK's encryption policy and how it fits within developments within the EU and OECD.

Speaker Background:

Nigel Hickson was born, brought up and educated in Hertfordshire in England before going to the City University in London in 1976 to study Electronic and Electrical Engineering. After graduating with a BSc honors degree he went to work for Thorn EMI where he was responsible for technical quality on their first Teletext color televisions. He joined the DTI in 1982 and for the next 9 years worked in a section responsible for export controls on high technology goods (including encryption). After a spell on financial services regulation in the DTI and then in HM Treasury, he returned to the DTI in 1984 to head a team working a commercial information security and information technology standards. He is a member of the IEE and involved in Scouting.

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