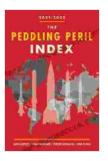
The Peddling Peril Index 2024: Ranking Strategic Trade Controls

International trade is a crucial aspect of the global economy, facilitating the exchange of goods, services, and technologies. However, concerns over national security, economic security, and the proliferation of sensitive technologies have led to the implementation of strategic trade controls by governments worldwide.



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What is the Peddling Peril Index?

The Peddling Peril Index is a comprehensive ranking of countries based on their strategic trade controls. The index was developed by the Peddling Peril Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting global trade and economic security.

The Peddling Peril Index 2024 assessed 193 countries based on their:

- Trade restrictions
- Embargoes
- Export bans
- Licensing requirements
- Customs enforcement measures
- Legal and regulatory frameworks

Key Findings of the Peddling Peril Index 2024

The Peddling Peril Index 2024 revealed several key findings:

- Increased Strategic Trade Controls: Global concerns about national and economic security have led to a significant increase in strategic trade controls. Over 70% of the countries assessed in the index have strengthened their trade controls since 2022.
- Expansion of Control Lists: Countries are expanding their control lists to include a wider range of technologies and goods, including advanced materials, semiconductors, and artificial intelligence (AI).
- Heightened Scrutiny of Sensitive Exports: Governments are subjecting sensitive exports to more rigorous scrutiny, including export licensing requirements, end-user verification, and risk assessments.
- Growing Geopolitical Tensions: Geopolitical tensions and trade disputes have contributed to the implementation of additional trade controls, particularly between the United States, China, and Russia.

Country Rankings in the Peddling Peril Index 2024

The following table presents the top 10 countries in the Peddling Peril Index 2024, ranked from most restrictive to least restrictive in terms of strategic trade controls.

Rank	Country	Peddling Peril Index Score
1	United States	85.3
2	China	82.1
3	Russia	79.8
4	Iran	78.4
5	North Korea	77.2
6	Pakistan	76.5
7	Cuba	75.9
8	Syria	75.3
9	Venezuela	74.7
10	Belarus	74.1

It is important to note that the Peddling Peril Index is not intended to be a measure of a country's overall trade policy or economic climate. Rather, it focuses specifically on the stringency of strategic trade controls.

Implications of Strategic Trade Controls

The Peddling Peril Index 2024 highlights the increasing prevalence and impact of strategic trade controls on global trade. These controls have several implications:

- Impeded Innovation and Economic Growth: Stringent trade controls can hinder the transfer of technology and knowledge between countries, potentially slowing down innovation and economic growth.
- Increased Costs and Delays for Businesses: Exporting and importing companies face higher costs and longer delays due to licensing requirements, customs inspections, and other compliance measures.
- Reduced Access to Critical Technologies: Strategic trade controls can limit access to essential technologies and goods, particularly for countries subject to embargoes or sanctions.
- Heightened Geopolitical Tensions: Restrictive trade policies can contribute to trade disputes, geopolitical tensions, and undermine international cooperation.

Balancing National Security and Economic Prosperity

Governments face the challenge of balancing national security concerns with the need to promote economic prosperity and global collaboration. The Peddling Peril Index 2024 emphasizes the importance of striking a balance between these priorities.

Effective strategic trade controls can mitigate risks to national security without unduly burdening legitimate trade activities. Governments should prioritize targeted and proportional measures that minimize disruptions to

businesses while ensuring the protection of critical technologies and national interests.

The Peddling Peril Index 2024 provides a comprehensive analysis of the global landscape of strategic trade controls. The increasing stringency of these controls highlights the need for a balanced approach that safeguards national security while fostering economic growth and international cooperation. By understanding the implications of strategic trade controls, governments and businesses can navigate the evolving regulatory environment and contribute to a secure and prosperous global economy.

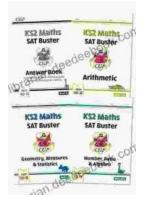


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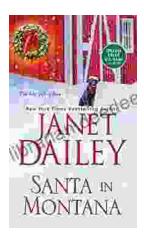
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