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Press Restant

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Control of the export of strategic and critical articles and materials needed in the national-defense program was extended May 28, by proclamation of President Roosevelt, to the Philippine Islands, as the President signed a joint resolution of Congress authorizing such extension.

Export control was established originally within the United States under the provisions of section 6 of the act of July 2, 1940. It now provides a control over every exit for goods and materials from the United States and insures that all articles and materials needed in the expanding defense program will be held available.

Licenses will be issued in the Philippine Islands by the High Commissioner acting on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Since there is no District Court of the United States in the Philippine Islands, jurisdiction of offenses committed in the Philippine Islands in violation of the Export Control Act has been conferred on the Philippine Courts.

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