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Tweet: The US is easing licensing restrictions on roughly 80% of defense-related trade with the UK and Australia, to facilitate the 2021 Aukus security pact covering nuclear-powered submarines, hypersonic missiles, and artificial intelligence.

Summary: The US is easing its restrictions on sharing sensitive technology with the UK and Australia, removing barriers to trilateral defence co-operation as the allies try to counter China in the Indo-Pacific. The US Department of State is amending its International Traffic in Arms Regulation rules to facilitate military-related technology sharing with the allies, erasing some hurdles for Aukus, the submarine, and advanced technology development accord the allies agreed in 2021. The State Department said the reform would mean the UK and Australia did not need to apply for licences to obtain American technology for roughly 80% of their defence-related trade with the US. The move would also be “critical” to Pillar 2, in which the three allies are co-operating in areas ranging from hypersonics to artificial intelligence and undersea military capabilities.

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