Statistics of 2020 BIS License Authorization

In 2020, BIS reviewed **38,203** license applications valued at **$219.4 billion** for exports and re-exports for tangible items, software and technology, an increase of 15.9% (5,234 more) from 32,969 in 2019.
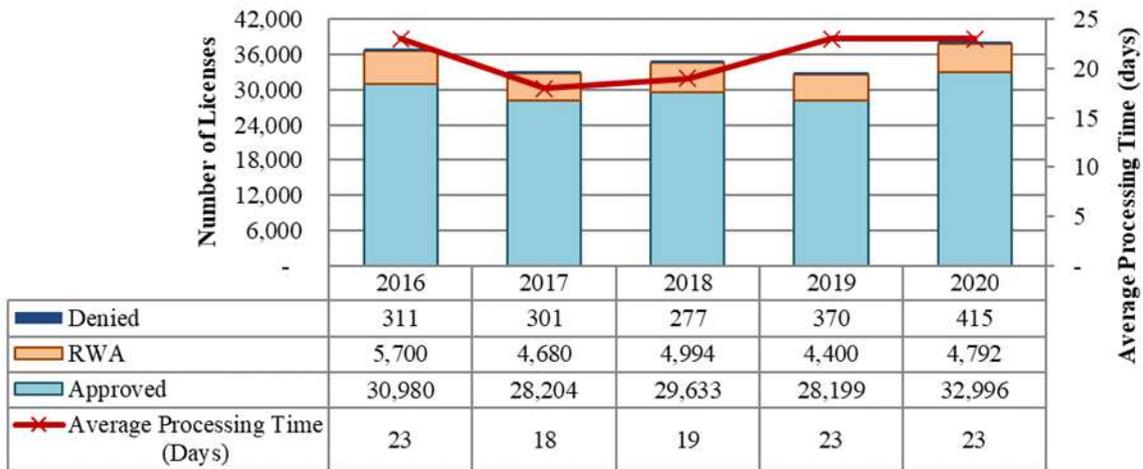
- ➢ Approved licenses totaled 32,996, an increase of 17.0% (4,797 more). The approval rate was 86.4%;
- ➢ Denied licenses applications totaled 415, an increase of 12.2% (45 more). The denied rate was 1.1%; and
- ➢ Return without action (RWA) totaled 4,792, an increase of 8.9% (392 more). The RWA rate was 12.5%.

Overview of BIS License Applications 2016 - 2020										
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% of the total by decision		% of the Grand Total license applications	% change from 2019	Change from 2019
Grand Total license applications	38,467	34,710	35,889	34,278	**39,419**				15.0%	5,141
Total license applications for deemed export										
Total	1,476	1,525	985	1,309	**1,216**			**3.1%**	-7.1%	-93
Approved	1,377	1,394	824	1,113	1,068	87.8%			-4.0%	-45
Denied	13	24	11	3	6	0.5%			100.0%	3
RWA	86	107	150	193	142	11.7%			-26.4%	-51
Total license applications for tangible items, software and technology										
Total	36,991	33,185	34,904	32,969	**38,203**			**96.9%**	15.9%	5,234
Approved	30,980	28,204	29,633	28,199	32,996	86.4%			17.0%	4,797
Denied	311	301	277	370	415	1.1%			12.2%	45
RWA	5,700	4,680	4,994	4,400	4,792	12.5%			8.9%	392
								100.0%		

Detailed License Information regarding Tangible items, software and technology										
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% of the total by decision	% of the total for tangible items	% of the Grand Total license applications	% change from 2019	Change from 2019
Total license applications for legacy ECCNs	22,352	17,362	20,539	19,274	**17,141**		**44.9%**	**43.5%**	-11.1%	-2,133
Approved	17,836	14,017	16,657	15,809	13,549	79.0%			-14.3%	-2,260
Denied	233	244	240	323	336	2.0%			4.0%	13
RWA	4,283	3,101	3,642	3,142	3,256	19.0%			3.6%	114
Total license applications for 600-series items	13,493	14,582	13,478	12,907	**12,501**		**32.7%**	**31.7%**	-3.1%	-406
Approved	12,247	13,134	12,181	11,669	11,405	91.2%			-2.3%	-264
Denied	56	39	29	40	52	0.4%			30.0%	12
RWA	1,190	1,409	1,268	1,198	1,044	8.4%			-12.9%	-154
Total license applications for 9x515 items	1,146	1,241	887	788	**833**		**2.2%**	**2.1%**	5.7%	45
Approved	897	1,053	795	721	735	88.2%			1.9%	14
Denied	22	18	8	7	7	0.8%			0.0%	0
RWA	227	170	84	60	91	10.9%			51.7%	31
Total license applications for Firearms items					**7,728**		**20.2%**	**19.6%**		
Approved					7,307					
Denied					20					
RWA					401					
							100.0%	**96.9%**		

Source: Commerce U.S. Exports Exporter Support System, retrieved on March 14, 2021
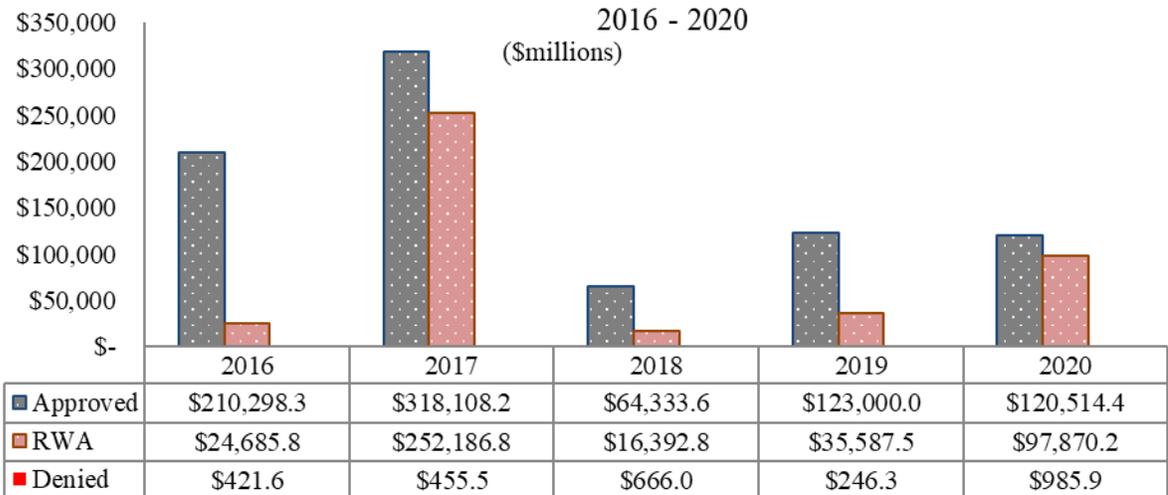
Note: to ensure the accuracy of change from 2019, 2019 licensing data are revised based on data retrieved on January 14, 2021. This revision of 2019 data is not significant, only 24 less for the approved licenses than reported a year ago. RWA and denied are the same.

BIS Licenses for Tangible Items, Software and Technology for the World by License Count (Excluding Deemed Export) 2016 - 2020

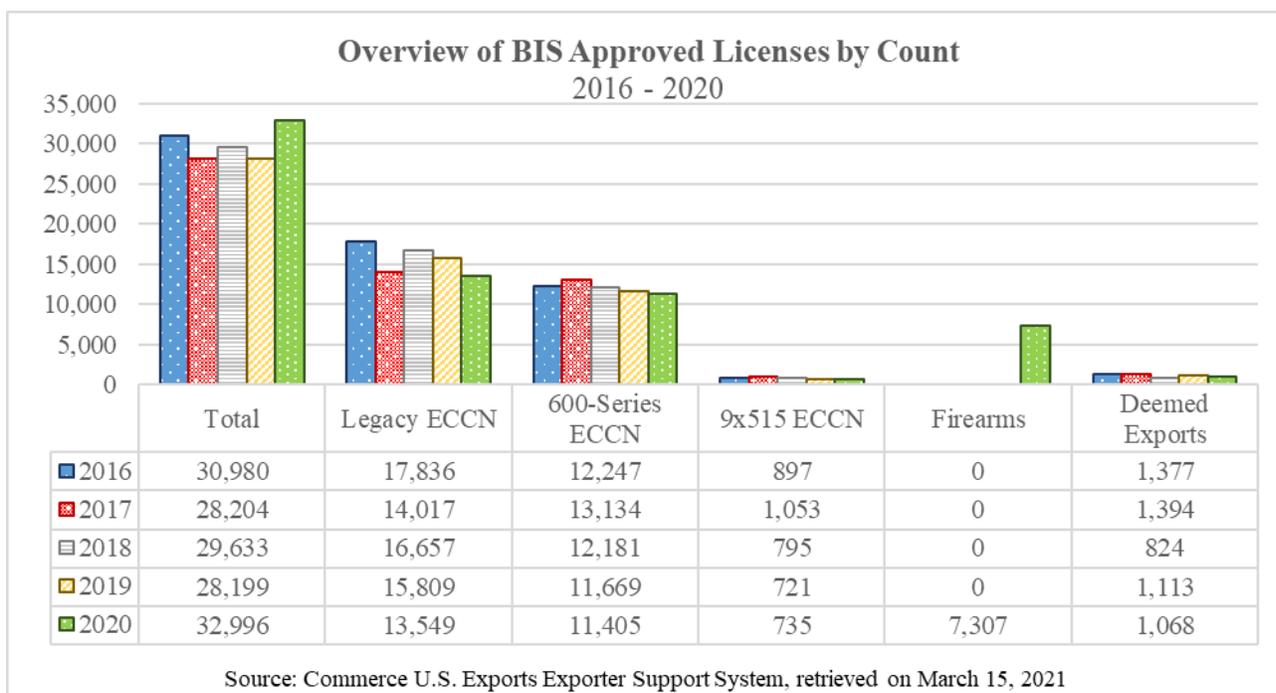|	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Denied	311	301	277	370	415
RWA	5,700	4,680	4,994	4,400	4,792
Approved	30,980	28,204	29,633	28,199	32,996
Average Processing Time (Days)	23	18	19	23	23

Source: Commerce U.S. Exports Exporter's Support System: March 15, 2021

BIS Licenses for Tangible Items, Software & Technology for the World By Value 2016 - 2020 ($millions)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Approved	$210,298.3	$318,108.2	$64,333.6	$123,000.0	$120,514.4
RWA	$24,685.8	$252,186.8	$16,392.8	$35,587.5	$97,870.2
Denied	$421.6	$455.5	$666.0	$246.3	$985.9

Source: Commerce U.S. Exports Exporter Support System March 15, 2021

Overview of BIS Approved Licenses by Count
2016 - 2020

	Total	Legacy ECCN	600-Series ECCN	9x515 ECCN	Firearms	Deemed Exports
2016	30,980	17,836	12,247	897	0	1,377
2017	28,204	14,017	13,134	1,053	0	1,394
2018	29,633	16,657	12,181	795	0	824
2019	28,199	15,809	11,669	721	0	1,113
2020	32,996	13,549	11,405	735	7,307	1,068

Source: Commerce U.S. Exports Exporter Support System, retrieved on March 15, 2021

Note: Legacy ECCNs include all ECCNs on the Commerce Control List but 600-Series and 9x515 ECCNs that are created under the modernization of the U.S. Export Control System since 2013.

Top Ten Approved ECCNs by License Count

ECCN	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Change from 2019
0A501				0	5,273	5273
9A610	5,419	5,429	5,179	5,078	5,071	-7
2B350	2,159	2,290	2,289	2,230	2,119	-111
3A611	2,681	2,765	2,465	2,276	2,036	-240
0A505				0	1,369	1,369
9E610	1,084	1,176	1,240	1,309	1,323	14
3A001	1,002	1,110	1,240	1,113	1,236	123
6A003	590	761	884	1,045	1,150	105
9A619	1,148	1,001	1,167	1,116	1,030	-86
0A504				0	1,020	1,020

Source: Commerce U.S. Exports Exporter Support System, retrieved on January 14, 2021

Note: ECCN ranking is based on 2020 data.