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Congressman Edward J. Markey, Chairman of the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming has written a letter to Energy Secretary Steven Chu, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Commerce Secretary Gary Locke and US Trade Representative Ronald Kirk. The subject of the letter is the reported export ban of rare earths from China to the US.

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He will be holding a hearing on the subject, and posed the following questions:

1. Has China actually blocked shipments beyond export quota restrictions? How is the blockade being enforced?
2. How has the export quota been implemented?
3. Which elements are of concern to the Department of Defense?
4. Which elements are of concern to the Department of Energy?

See the full letter below.