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Welcome from the European Union



Since our last Newsletter in February, security threats across Europe have regrettably continued to feature large on the international agenda, making our combined efforts in the area of export controls all the more important. Continued vigilance on export controls is needed to contribute to enhancing global security, while also facilitating legitimate trade.

On 20 March, the High Representative and Vice-President, Federica Mogherini, delivered a keynote speech at the opening of the renowned Carnegie International Nuclear Policy Conference in Washington. In this she made a strong plea for international rules and

for a rules-based international order, as described in the EU Global Strategy. In this context, she called for respect for treaties and agreements in the field of non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament, such as the NPT, CTBT, INF and ATT, which are in our global security interests. She also spoke against a new nuclear arms race or a return to "cold war".

We believe that the EU P2P programme can play an important role in partnering with third countries to provide assistance in the export controls domain and to share EU export control standards with a view to promoting our shared security objectives in a systematic and co-operative way.

When we last wrote, we mentioned the approval by the Foreign Affairs Council on 6 March 2017 of the [18th Annual Report on Arms Exports](#). This Annual Report was subsequently published in the Official Journal on 16 May 2017 and is now also available on the EEAS website.

On the dual-use front, the EU actively participated in the meetings of the international export control regimes. In the plenary meeting of the Australia Group, the EU presented an update on the new Harmonised System (HS) Codes of goods for Customs procedures, which is revised every 5 years. The update was deemed as necessary following the revision of the HS codes for 35 chemical precursors out of 64 controlled under the Australia Group. In the Nuclear Suppliers Group plenary meeting, the EU delivered a statement of support to the work undertaken by the NSG. Furthermore, during the summer break, the European Commission organized under the aegis of the EU P2P programme for dual use goods, the third EU Summer University on Strategic Trade Controls and Non-Proliferation. The training which was attended by 34 students took place with great success from 9th to 16th of August 2017 in Alpbach, Austria.



This fifth issue of the EU P2P Newsletter presents the host of activities that have taken place since February in the framework of all three aspects covered by the P2P programme: dual-use export controls, conventional arms exports and the Arms Trade Treaty implementation. In addition, the Newsletter provides an insight into some further EU export control related events and developments that have taken place during this period.

We hope that you will enjoy reading the various articles and programme updates.

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Third EU Summer University

9-16 August 2017, Alpbach

The course explored examples of current international developments and helped to understand emerging issues for strategic export controls such as additive manufacturing, synthetic genomics and drones. In particular, new geo-political challenges, the current difficult security situation in various regions of the world as well as challenges in enhancing the global governance of export controls on dual use items were touched upon or discussed in greater detail during the sessions. The concerns posed by the present situation in DPRK were also discussed. In this regard, a further fine-tuning of export control modalities was deemed as necessary for deterring or halting the various sources of WMD proliferation.

Case studies on topical issues of export controls including the JCPOA for Iran demonstrated how dual-use export control legislation and rules are implemented in practice and what are the main challenges involved.

The Summer University was organised by the European Commission/DEVCO B5 within the framework of the EU P2P Outreach Programme on Export controls for Dual Use Items and it was supported by King's College London and the University of Liège. The participants to the Summer University were awarded an EU Certificate on Strategic Trade Controls and Non-Proliferation on the basis of an evaluation that took place at the end of the course.

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Group Picture of the 3rd EU Summer University



Australia Group Plenary Meeting

29-30 June 2017, Paris

The Australia Group (AG) Plenary Meeting took place in Paris on 29-30 June 2017 to discuss ways to curb the proliferation of chemical and biological weapons (CBW). The plenary issued a statement on the 20th anniversary of the entry into force of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and reaffirmed the need to strengthen collective action against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons. Australia Group members reviewed the status of CBW programmes of concern and deplored the increasingly worrying use of chemical weapons in Syria and Iraq, and noted risks of procurement from foreign suppliers.

The Plenary assessed proliferation risks associated with emerging technologies and agreed on proposals for changes to the AG control lists.

Furthermore, the plenary decided to step up efforts to encourage non-member countries to adhere to AG export controls as the model for international best practice and agreed on an active programme of outreach to non-AG members for 2017-2018.

The EU delivered EU statements on its support to CBW non-proliferation, and made presentations on its EU P2P Outreach Programme and CBRN Centres of Excellence, on customs codes updates for chemical precursors and on EU-funded research.

For more information, see [The Australia Group website](#)

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Nuclear Suppliers Group Plenary Meeting

19-23 June 2017, Berne

The EEAS and the European Commission attended the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) Consultative Group (CG) and the 27th plenary held in Bern from 19 until 23 June 2017.

The Plenary exchanged information on countries of proliferation concern, in particular with reference to the DPRK's nuclear tests, and noted that the supply of all NSG controlled items to the DPRK is prohibited under the related UN Security Council resolutions. The NSG received briefings from the Procurement Working Group Coordinator regarding the work of the Procurement Channel established in accordance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) concluded by the E3/EU+3 and the Islamic Republic of Iran and endorsed by UNSCR 2231 (2015). The plenary advanced discussions on emerging technologies that might be of concern and agreed on a few updates to the NSG control list. The plenary agreed also on plans for NSG outreach to third countries.

Moreover, the EU was the first to deliver a statement of support to the NSG and nuclear non-proliferation with



which five countries aligned, bringing the number of the subscribing States supporting the statement to 33 out of 48 NSG Participating Governments. The EU and its Member States confirmed their readiness to support the work of the NSG and to keep it well-prepared for the multiple challenges to the international non-proliferation regime. The EU believes that the NSG guidelines and control lists updated professionally by the NSG technical experts are the best practice for nuclear related export controls. The EU is seamlessly implementing the control list decisions agreed by the NSG and welcomes all efforts to promote their universal application. The EU also continues to raise their awareness about the legal framework in place, and encourages companies to provide active support to non-proliferation by abiding by existing export control provisions and reducing the risk of the unintentional supply of items to illicit programmes.

For further information see the [public statement](#) issued after the plenary.

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COARM-NGOs Annual Conference

15 June 2017, Brussels

About 70 people, including COARM delegates from 15 EU Member States and representatives from EU institutions, civil society, academia and industry, took part in the annual conference with NGOs on 15 June, organised jointly by EEAS and Saferworld. The main topics discussed were the challenges and ways forward on harmonising EU arms export controls, how to improve the quality and timeliness of reporting, the policy and practices of Member States and the goal of convergence, and the approach to revising the 2005 EU Strategy on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW).

As a basis for the discussion, the Flemish Peace Institute presented the main findings of a major comparative analysis it had recently produced on the arms export control systems of eight EU Member States, in the context of the goal to promote convergence in this field. The analysis was generally well received, while Member States pointed out those areas where they felt the study would benefit from greater precision. The NGO community used the occasion to express its views on the need for increased transparency, greater convergence among EU Member States, and more user-friendly and timely reporting. These issues were discussed with Member States in a constructive way. Two break-out groups allowed Member States to enlighten civil society on some of the particular processes they had to follow at the national level on export control issues.

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EU Non-Proliferation Consortium Consultative Meeting

14 June 2017, Brussels

The Sixth EU Consultative Meeting, organised by the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium, took place on 14 June 2017 in Brussels. More than 50 participants coming from 26 EU Member States, 3 EU Institutions (EEAS, European Commission and European Parliament) and NATO participated. The forum provided an excellent platform for exchanging views between think-tankers and practitioners on how to advance the EU non-proliferation and disarmament policy in a highly challenging security context.

Topical issues pertaining to the non-proliferation and disarmament agenda were addressed in an open and critical manner.

Thus, the first session was dedicated to the ongoing revision of the 2005 EU Strategy against SALW trafficking. During the discussion the participants put forward concrete ideas and proposals as to the content and the structure of the Strategy which is still in a very early stage of drafting. In particular, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) presented a paper on the topic highlighting its main observations: stronger link with internal security; evolving diversion dynamics; need for a detailed assessment of past EU-funded SALW control projects; need for increased role of export control as a tool against diversion.

The session on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS) confirmed on the one hand the need for the EU to continue to address this very complex matter internally as well as in international fora such as the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) in Geneva and its Opened Ended Governmental Expert Working Group (GGE) on LAWS. Serious challenges were noted, such as disagreement on the definition of LAWS, and the difficulties related to a possible code-of-conduct or regulation of LAWS. Nevertheless, the discussion revealed willingness amongst EU Member States to continue engaging in an effort to strengthen the work within the CCW on LAWS.

The session on "Recent Use of Chemical Weapons by State and Non-State Actors in Syria and Iraq, and International Responses" provided a comprehensive and in-depth picture of the threat posed by the use of chemical weapons by States and terrorists. The threat was significantly amplified by the civil war in and around Syria and needed immediate international response. However, chemical weapons disarmament was negatively impacted by competing geopolitical perceptions; hybrid war approaches; military imperatives as well as international institutions' "complexities". Thus, the effectiveness of the international response remained conditional on the full implementation of the multilateral norms and enhanced international cooperation. The EU would be expected to apply in these circumstances its various instruments in a differentiated manner while ensuring that its overall policy remained subordinated to the primary chemical weapons disarmament objective.

In the session on "Current Challenges in the Field of Ballistic Missiles Non-Proliferation (MTCR, HCoC, INF, BMD Systems)", the Chair of the HCoC, Ambassador Szczygiel of Poland, gave his assessment of what the various multilateral regimes have achieved so far. Then, the discussion focused on the DPRK missile programme, the growing im-



portance of defensive capabilities ("missile shields"), cooperation between various normative instruments (esp. HCoC, MTCR and UNSCR 1540) and how to tackle proliferation to the DPRK and the Middle East.

The EEAS was actively involved in the organisation and the conduct of the Consultative Meeting by delivering the opening and closing remarks, as well as by chairing the sessions.

(Author: Emil Kazakhov)

The Hague Code of Conduct Plenary Meeting

6-7 June 2017, Vienna

Subscribing States to the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC) held their 16th Annual Meeting in Vienna on 6-7 June 2017. The outgoing Chair, Ambassador Sarybay of Kazakhstan, reported on the activities aimed at promoting the universalisation of the Code during his one-year tenure. He expressed appreciation in particular for the EU support that was provided on the basis of Council Decision 2014/913/CSFP. The incoming HCoC Chair, Ambassador Szczygiel of Poland, set out his plans and priorities for the period 2017 – 2018. The meeting stressed the importance of full implementation of the HCoC, in particular with regard to Pre-Launch-Notifications and the timely submission of Annual Declarations. Subscribing States declared their intention to encourage and achieve improved performance in these areas. They also issued an [agreed press statement](#).

The EEAS Special Envoy for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Mr Jacek Bylica, delivered a statement on behalf of the European Union and opened a well-attended side-event convened by the EU.

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Surveillance Technology Technical Export Group

18 May 2017, Brussels

The 7th meeting of the Surveillance Technology Technical Expert Group (STEG) took place on 18 May 2017 with the participation of experts of Member States, civil society organisations (industry and NGOs) and the Commission. The STEG experts shared information on the implementation of controls on cyber-surveillance items in the EU and third countries. The STEG experts discussed recent press reports of cyber-surveillance exports, and reviewed the state of play and prospects for cyber-surveillance technology controls in the Wassenaar Arrangement, as well as in the EU and third countries.

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Technical Expert Group on EU Internal Compliance Programme Guidelines

A Technical Expert Group on EU Internal Compliance Programme (ICP) Guidelines has been set up early 2017 under the Dual-Use Coordination Group and will operate during 1 year. Against a background marked by different third country practices and approaches regarding ICPs, the Technical Expert Group aims at evaluating existing ICP requirements and settings and elaborating a set of common EU ICP guidelines for reference by export control authorities and exporters.

The Technical Expert Group held two meetings so far that focused on comparing key elements, objectives and best practice recommendations of several ICP approaches, including EU Member States' national approaches to ICP, the Wassenaar Arrangement Best Practice Guidelines on ICP for Dual-Use Goods and Technologies, the US Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) ICP guide and the 2011 Commission Recommendation on the certification of defence undertakings under Article 9 of Directive 2009/43/EC.

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Export Control Retreat in Malta

11-12 May 2017, Malta

An "Export Control Retreat" hosted by the Maltese Presidency and supported by the European Commission took place on 11 and 12 May 2017. It brought together export control experts from Member States and from the Commission to informally exchange information on key export control issues related to the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 428/2009, and to engage in an open discussion at technical and conceptual level on key challenges and prospects for the modernisation of EU export controls, in parallel to the legislative process concerning the Commission proposal COM(2016)616 which is under negotiation in the Council's Dual-Use Working Party.



photo by Brian Buhagiar

Group Picture of the Export Control Retreat in Malta



The "Export Control Retreat" provided a forum for informal discussions of some of the most intricate export control issues underlying the Commission proposal, such as: the concept and scope of dual-use items in a context of rapid security, technological and economic developments; the human security dimension and the interaction between export control, cyber-surveillance and human rights; the optimisation of the licensing architecture and prospects for a further harmonisation of licensing processes and shift towards open licensing; the need to develop new approaches to controls on Intangible Technology Transfers (ITT) and dual-use research; the evolution of control of services (brokering and technical assistance) and the need for increased transparency, outreach and information-sharing among Member States and between them and economic operators.

The "Export Control Retreat" also served as a tool to strengthen the network of EU export control authorities, as required by the EU strategy against WMD proliferation. With reference to "peer visits" previously organised by the European Commission and the Member States holding the Presidency of the European Union, the "Export Control Retreat" also provided an opportunity for Malta to present its own export control system and to share its experience in implementing Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 with other MS.

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Seminar "Developments in Small Arms and Light Weapons Technology and Design – Implications for Countering Diversion"

7 March 2017, Brussels

On 7 March, the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium, supported by Council Decision 2013/43/CFSP, organised an ad-hoc seminar entitled "Developments in Small Arms and Light Weapons Technology and Design – implications for Countering Diversion" in the Centre Borschette in Brussels. The seminar was opened by the EEAS Security Policy Director Pawel Herczynski and explored how SALW-technology can mitigate the



risk of diversion and unauthorised use of military grade firearms and light weapons. Representatives from European arms manufacturers (FN Herstal, Dynamit Nobel Defence, Trotec, Armatix) highlighted how applications facilitate marking, record-keeping and tracing, stockpile management and technical use-control. The seminar was well attended by representatives from Member States, international organisations (UNODA, OSCE, NATO) and leading



research institutions. The outcome of the seminar will feed into the revision of the EU SALW Anti-Trafficking Strategy and the EU's policy development for the Review Conference of the UN Programme of Action in 2018. It will also be followed up by a similar seminar for a global audience organised by UN Office for Disarmament Affairs and supported by Council Decision 2017/633.

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Study Visit to Rotterdam for Malaysian Officials

22-24 August 2017, Rotterdam

On 22 – 24 August 2017, a delegation of Malaysian Officials participated in a Study Visit in Rotterdam hosted by the Dutch Customs Administration and organized by the Expertise France Consortium under the framework of the EU P2P Programme on Export Controls of Dual-Use Goods.

The Malaysian delegation was composed of officials from the Royal Malaysian Customs, the Royal Malaysian Police and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Strategic Trade Secretariat) and represented both the licensing and enforcement administrations responsible for Strategic Trade Controls Enforcement (STCE) in Malaysia.

During the Study Visit, the Dutch Customs shared their long lasting experience and efficiency tips in STCE and



Group Picture of Malaysian Officials at the Study Visit in Rotterdam





provided access to their port facilities. The National Training Centre at Maasvlakte premises was also kindly made available to offer a unique experience to Malaysian officers.

Initially dedicated to an exchange of best practices on STCE with the presentation of the national approaches and experiences, the Study Visit included also an overview of the Commodity Identification Training (CIT), presentations of the role of the Dutch Customs in the supervision of the Container Terminals and a discussion of the risk assessment process by a Dutch Intelligence Officer in charge of Strategic Goods Risk Analysis.

Then, the Malaysian delegation participated in an exercise on risk assessment and containers' inspections based on Customs Manifests. The exercise involved real inspections at Maasvlakte facilities with access to real life products stored in containers.

The activity was highly appreciated by the Malaysian delegates who valued in particular the focus on exchange of best practices, the case-studies and the hands-on exercises. Overall, the study visit was beneficial to Malaysian officers in several ways. It helped them to

further develop their knowledge on STCE; it encouraged them to develop their own CIT programme and, it provided inspiration for developing an electronic database for risk assessment.

(Author: Vincent Trouvé)

Training on Strategic Trade Controls Enforcement (STCE) for Philippines Customs

24-27 July 2017, Manila

The four days training on STCE was held in Manila from 24 to 27 July 2017 and was targeted at Customs officials from the Bureau of Customs, Philippines.

The Philippines adopted in 2015 the Strategic Trade Management Act (STMA). The STMA is a comprehensive legislation of international standard that deals with all key elements required to control trade in dual use goods, including exports, re-exports, transit, transshipment, brokering, technical assistance and intangible technology transfers.

The Philippines Customs Department will be in the front line of controlling imports, exports, transit and transshipment of dual use goods. This task requires capacity building support to effectively enforce the controls prescribed in the STMA.

To support this development, a training on STCE based on the World Customs Organisation (WCO) curriculum was conducted within the framework of the EU P2P Programme on Export Controls of Dual-Use Goods.

Thirty customs officials participated in the training which was conducted by a total of five experts, three from the WCO and two from the roster of experts of the EU P2P Export Controls Programme.

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Exercise on Risk Assessment and Containers' Inspections



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Seminar on Export Controls of Dual-Use Goods for Vietnamese Officials

17-20 July 2017, Ho Chi Minh City

A four days EU P2P workshop on dual-use export controls for Vietnamese officials was conducted in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, from 17 to 20 July 2017.

Unlike past training programmes organised in Hanoi, the capital city, for the first time this training was held in Ho Chi Minh City, the commercial capital and industrial hub. The aim behind this was to build capacity and reach out to critical departments and agencies - in particular Viet Nam Customs- located in the Southern region of Viet Nam. In this regard, more than half of the 20 participants at the Workshop comprised customs officials while the rest represented branch offices of the

Ministries of Industry and Trade, National Defence, Science and Technology and the Agriculture and Rural Development Ministry that are located in Ho Chi Minh City. A welcoming novelty to the workshop was the participation of a representative from the Foreign Trade University of Viet Nam (Southern Branch), a vital stakeholder in academic research and in the creation of human capital on the subject of strategic trade controls. Universities and research institutions are also concerned by trade control outreach activities given their potential to further the proliferation of sensitive technologies for instance through intangible transfers.

The training was provided by four EU experts working under the EU P2P Export Control Programme for Dual Use Goods. The focus of this training was on four main topics - licensing process, issues concerning transit and



Group Photo Seminar on Export Controls of Dual-Use Goods for Vietnamese Officials



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transshipment, product identification and classification and how all these will work together within the ambit of inter-agency cooperation. Particular attention was given to the creation of a robust licensing system to control transit and transshipment of dual use goods and the need for effective implementation and enforcement by agencies such as Customs. Inter-agency cooperation and the inputs from multiple Ministries and Agencies in product classification/identification were emphasized as cornerstones of an effective and holistic strategic trade management system.

The clear link between licensing, transit and transshipment controls, classification and inter-agency cooperation and the responsibilities assumed by the various agencies in order to enforce the law were demonstrated through case studies, real life examples and a major inter-agency exercise that helped participants to better understand the inter-agency process required for addressing the cases of proliferation concern.

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Awareness Raising Seminar on Export Control of Dual Use Goods for Laotian Officials

11-14 July 2017, Vientiane

The EU P2P Consortium implemented an awareness raising seminar on strategic trade controls in Vientiane from 11 to 14 July 2017. The seminar targeted specifically the members of a newly established Working Group that will spearhead the creation and operation of a strategic trade management task force for dual-use controls under the coordination of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce of Lao PDR.

Thirty participants representing the ministries and rele-

vant agencies identified as members of this Working Group attended the seminar. Mr. Soulinhon Philavong, Director General of the Department of Import and Export (Ministry of Industry and Commerce) who is also the Deputy Head of the Trade Facilitation Secretariat, represented the Minister of Industry and Commerce at the opening ceremony of the training. The EU was represented by Mr. Koen Everaert from the EU Delegation to Laos. Mr. Philavong expressed the Laotian Government's appreciation for the work done by the EU in the strategic trade controls field. He pointed out that the EU is currently the only foreign supporter to providing capacity building activities in this important area. Mr. Everaert reassured that the EU will continue providing support to Lao PDR under the EU P2P outreach Programme and more specifically, the "CBRN Centres of Excellence Project No 47 for Export Controls Cooperation in South East Asia". In this regard, he requested Lao PDR to identify specific areas of priority where the EU could focus its efforts for backing up the Lao PDR to adopt, implement and enforce effective strategic trade



Side Meeting with Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce



Group Picture of the Awareness Raising Seminar

controls in the country.

Presentations were provided by four EU experts on three key aspects: licensing and the licensing process; transit and transshipment controls and, commodity identification and classification. The training comprised specific case studies and examples and concluded with an inter-agency exercise. This practice-oriented approach allowed participants from the newly established Working Group to acquire a better understanding on how the inter-government process required for the implementation of export controls takes place.

The EU P2P trainers team had also the opportunity to meet with the Vice Minister of Industry and Commerce, Mr. Bounmy Manivong to discuss future capacity building programmes under this project.

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First Legal Workshop in Myanmar

4-5 July 2017, Nay Pyi Taw

The EU P2P Consortium organised together with the Department of Trade of the Ministry of Commerce a workshop on the legal framework of Myanmar in relation to dual-use trade controls, in Nay Pyi Taw on 4-5 July 2017.

The objectives of the workshop was to:

- present the existing legislation and ensuing regulations of Myanmar that establish controls on the trade;
- discuss the implementation of such a legislation together with local experts;
- exchange international practices in the area of export controls and,
- study the possibilities for enhancing specific controls on the trade of dual-use items.



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Group Picture of the First Legal Workshop in Myanmar

The event was opened by Mr, Yan Naing Tun, Director General of the Department of Trade of the Ministry of Commerce. Sixteen participants from the Ministries of Commerce, Finance (Customs), Industry, Energy, Agriculture, the Attorney's General Office and the Supreme Court shared their experiences and views on the existing legislation. Moreover, they actively contributed to defining a way forward for the national dual-use trade control system, on the basis of existing mechanisms and in line with the international best practices.

After fruitful exchanges of views and analysis of the current legal provisions, it emerged that stakeholders in the workshop share similar perspectives as to the way forward for the adoption and implementation of a dual-use trade control framework in Myanmar. The general consensus is to discuss the design of a new comprehensive law, completed by adequate rules and a licensing

process based on existing competences of sectorial Ministries and the Ministry of Commerce. The establishment of a working group for defining the main lines of the future national dual-use legislation is under consideration. The Myanmar experts committed to engaging with interested parties in the EU to move this process forward under the EU P2P Programme.

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Regional Conference on Export Controls/ Identification Centre Workshop

21-23 June, Astana

In the framework of the EU Outreach Programme on Export Controls of Dual-Use Goods, a Regional Conference on Export Controls took place back-to-back with



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the Identification Centre Workshop in Kazakhstani capital, Astana from 21 to 23 of June 2017. Kazakhstan has been a partner country within this cooperation since January 2014 and it has worked closely with the EU for improving its export controls system by amending its legal and regulatory framework as well as administrative procedures. This activity focused on the project outputs and results achieved after 24 months of implementation. By inviting 5 neighbouring countries, Kirgizstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan as well as Jordan, another partner country within this project, the conference created a platform for further regional cooperation in the field of strategic trade controls.

An outlook on the future regional cooperation was presented by the Director of the International Science and Technology Centre (ISTC). The conference was attended by the EU Ambassador Hristea, the president

of the implementing agency, Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Controls (BAFA) Mr. Obersteller, the EU P2P Policy Coordinator/Project Manager from DG DEVCO at EU Commission Mr Lehofer as well as Ms. Irina Albrecht, the Project Leader from BAFA. On the two following days, 22 and 23 of June, an Identification Centre Workshop supported with EU experts from Hungary, Lithuania, Romania and UK provided practical exercises and case studies on commodity identification and technical assessment of items.

(Author: BAFA Outreach Team)

Legal Workshop in Montenegro (with EXBS)

21-22 June 2017, Podgorica

The EU P2P Consortium organized together with the Directorate for Policy and External Trade Regime of the Ministry of Economy of Montenegro and in cooperation with the EXBS programme of the US Department of



Group Picture of the Regional Conference on Export Controls in Astana



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State a workshop on drafting the national law on the control of exports of dual-use items, in Podgorica, on 21 and 22 June 2017.

The objective of the meeting was to exchange views on the outlook of a future national trade control system of dual-use items and technologies. The discussion focused primarily on standards applying within the European Union and the state-of-play of the process for the recast of the EU Regulation. The Ministries of Economy, Interior, Defence, Foreign Affairs, and the Customs Administration of Montenegro debated with European and American experts on the structure, the contents and the formulation of the law with the aim to reach a proposal which is in line with the principles of the EU dual-use trade control system. The progress achieved and amendments done are a major step toward the finalization of the drafting process and the well-anticipated initiation of the legislative one.

(Author: Vincent Trouvé)



Group Picture of Legal Workshop in Podgorica

Final Event for South East Europe Region

12-13 June 2017, Brussels

In the framework of the EU P2P Programme on Export Control of Dual-Use Goods, the final event in the region of South East Europe (SEE) took place on 12 and 13 June in Brussels, Belgium. The event gathered twenty nine participants from SEE as well as EU Experts. The main objectives were to reinforce the direct exchanges with partner countries, present ideas for interacting with private sector and scientific community, provide an overview of various EU Member States' experiences as regards the implementation of ICPs, update on the available tools that can be used to map dual-use industry and to raise awareness regarding the recast of the EU dual-use export control regulation.

In the first part of the seminar, the participants followed a thorough discussion on ways to engage with private sector and academia as well as main principles and challenges in implementing ICPs. In order to provide a deeper understanding of the main concepts, experts from national administrations, academia and the private sector shared their visions, experiences, common problems and ideas to overcome inhibitors in the field of export compliance. In the second part of the seminar, representatives from DG Trade and SIPRI presented the latest export control developments in the EU, the challenges faced by the current export control system and the Commission's proposal for a modernised EU export control system.

At the end of the event, the attending representatives from the SEE region had the opportunity to assess the main outputs and achievements of the past outreach programmes in the course of the years. Quite interestingly, the seminar was a good opportunity for



attending country representatives to provide their feedback to implementing entity concerning whether and in what areas further cooperation with the European Union is desired. The received inputs will be assessed and directly translated into possible future outreach activities.

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Third National Seminar on Capacity Building for Ukraine

6-8 June 2017, Kiev

In the framework of the EU P2P Programme on Export Controls of Dual-Use Goods, the Third National Seminar for Ukraine took place on 6-8 June in Kiev.

The seminar addressed relevant authorities involved in strategic trade controls such as the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State Fiscal Service, State Border Guard Service, Foreign Intelligence Service, Security Service and State Service of Export Controls. The seminar presented the EU current practices on intangible transfers of technology, end-use and end-user verification as well as existing practices for the transfer of controlled items under special customs status namely, in free trade zones or, otherwise free ports.

In order to achieve the objectives of the seminar, the participants had to deal with different scenarios and resolve in small groups the case studies prepared by the EU experts. Each session was followed by discussion and presentation of the possible solutions. As a result, the participants had an opportunity to actively discuss and exchange views with their colleagues from different EU Member States.

EU and WCO Experts from France, Slovenia, Spain and Ukraine supported this event by presenting existing practices, case studies and moderating practice-oriented sessions.

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Group Picture in front the "Blacksmiths of modernity".
A mosaic on the walls of the Institute of nuclear research, Kiev



General Awareness Raising Seminar for Myanmar Officials

5-7 June 2017, Nay Pyi Taw

The EU P2P Consortium organised together with the Ministry of Commerce of Myanmar, a General Awareness Raising Seminar on Strategic Trade Controls for Myanmar Officials in Nay Pyi Taw from 5 to 7 June 2017.

The objectives of this seminar were to improve existing capacities in human capital in Myanmar and promote the establishment of further legislation and controls over dual use goods. Outreach seminars of this kind are important to draw attention within the country to the added value of trade controls in a context where existing laws and regulations control already imports and exports of a wide variety of goods and items including a limited number of goods that are dual use in nature. It is also aimed at increasing the awareness of export control issues among the participants by exposing them to international standards and new developments in export controls.

This seminar targeted mainly front line officers at the ports and airports and Government agencies that are involved in licensing and issuing authorisations for hazardous, dangerous and radiation related products, including goods controlled on grounds of national interest and security. Raising awareness among front line officers on dual use export controls is a necessary preparatory step before eventually enacting and enforcing dual-use trade controls in Myanmar.

The Director General of Department of Trade, Ministry of Commerce, provided the keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the seminar. The First Secretary at the Delegation of the EU Mission in Myanmar, representing the EU, provided the opening remarks. Thirty attendees representing various stakeholders of the Myanmar Government participated in the seminar. In addition to these participants, the opening ceremony was also attended by twenty three other senior level officials representing important Ministries and Agencies in Myanmar. The presence of these senior officials is indicative of the importance Myanmar places in learning



Group Picture of the General Awareness Raising Seminar for Myanmar Officials



more on dual-use controls. To take advantage of their presence, the officials were given a short briefing on what is a strategic trade control system and why is it important for Myanmar.

The participants were exposed to important topics and issues relevant to dual-use controls including: transit, transshipment and brokering controls; the control list and the catch-all provision; application procedure, assessment and decision making process for licenses; latest trends in illicit trade; the role of customs in strategic trade controls; interdiction principles. The Malaysian experience in adopting and enforcing dual-use controls was also discussed.

The event was conducted by four key experts working under the EU P2P export control programme for dual use goods.

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Third National Training on STCE for Armenia

29 May - 1 June 2017, Yerevan

In the framework of the EUP2P Programme on Export Control of Dual-Use Goods, the Third National Training dedicated to Strategic Trade Control Enforcement (STCE) took place from 29 May to 1 June, in Yerevan, Armenia.

The focus of the seminar which addressed relevant authorities involved in strategic trade controls such as the State Revenue Service, the Border Security

Service and the National Security Service was to enhance Armenia's capabilities concerning dual-use export controls enforcement and support Armenian officers with the further development of their own national training on strategic trade controls. The seminar was based on the WCO Strategic Trade Control Enforcement (STCE) Training Curriculum and was conducted by EU experts and WCO accredited expert trainers.

During the first part of the training, the participants acquired an overall insight into STCE issues with an emphasis on definitions and importance of strategic goods, international legal frameworks and control regimes as well as the main components of a national strategic trade control system and the role of Customs. In the second part of the seminar, the participants were introduced to commodity identification issues. The third part of seminar was dedicated to risk assessment including profiling, targeting and audit. The sessions featured practical exercises enabling thereby open and lively discussions.



Group Picture of the Third National Training on STCE for Armenia



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As a result, the participants had a chance to discuss national experiences and exchange practices concerning the control process and related enforcement challenges.

EU and WCO Experts from Slovenia, United Kingdom and United State of America supported this event by presenting modules, sharing national practices and moderating exercises.

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First Legal Workshop in Lao PDR

24-25 May 2017, Vientiane

The implementing consortium for the dual-use outreach programme organised together with the Department of Import and Export of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and with the participation of the National Focal Point (Ministry of Science and Technology) a workshop on the legal framework of Lao PDR concerning dual-use trade controls, in Vientiane on 24 and 25 May 2017.



First Legal Workshop in Lao

The objective of the workshop was to take stock of and discuss existing laws and regulations establishing controls on strategic trade in Lao PDR. In that regard, EU experts together with national officers exchanged best practices and explored the possibility to enhance specific controls on relevant dual-use items that can be technically diverted to proliferation and non-peaceful purposes. The event was opened by Deputy Director General of the Department of Import and Export of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and the Head of Development and Cooperation at the Delegation of the EU to Lao PDR. Thirteen participants from the Ministries of Industry and Commerce, Science and Technology, Foreign Affairs, National Defence, Post and Telecommunication, Health, Natural Resource and Environment, Agriculture and Forestry and, Finance (Customs Services) shared their experiences and views on the existing legislation. They also contributed to defining a way forward for a national dual-use trade control system in accordance with international best practices and in line with existing mechanisms.

After a fruitful exchange of views and analysis of the current legal provisions, it became clear that the stakeholders present in the workshop share similar perspectives as to the way forward for the adoption and implementation of a dual-use trade control framework in Lao PDR. The general consensus is to discuss the design of a new law amending the current legal framework, and define a licensing process based on existing competences of sectorial ministries. The coordination of this inter-ministerial process could lie with the Department of Import and Export of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. The establishment of a working group with the aim to define main objectives for a future national system for the control of dual-use items and technologies is under consideration.



The participants committed to engaging with interested parties in the EU in order to move this process ahead under the EU P2P Programme.

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Workshop on the Application of the Jordanian Correlation List in the Day-To-Day Practice of Private Actors

21-23 May 2017, Aqaba

In the framework of the EU P2P Programme on Export Controls of Dual-Use Goods under CoE Project No 38, a Workshop on the Application of the Jordanian Correlation List in the Day-To-Day Practice of Private Actors who deal with cross-border transfers of dual use items took place from 21 to 23 May, 2017 in Aqaba, Jordan. The target group for this workshop was representatives from private actors and economic operators based in the region of Aqaba and in particular within the Aqaba Special Economic Zone.

The aim of the workshop was to discuss the different issues that are linked to the application of the correlation list and, in particular, the private sector's role for ensuring a common understanding and the uniform application of the correlation list. Moreover, on the last day of the workshop, a field visit was organised to the ASEZA (Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority) Customs Centre, the new port of Aqaba as well as the Aqaba Container Terminal with a view to gaining an insight into customs procedures at the port.

The event was supported by experts from Germany, Hungary and the Netherlands.

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Almaty Industry Outreach in Kazakhstan

17-18 May 2017, Almaty

Always in the framework of the dual-use outreach programme, within CoE Project No 38, the second industry outreach event in Almaty was conducted. During the two days of the seminar, participants from private companies as well as representatives from licensing and customs authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan met with European colleagues in order to exchange best practices on the implementation of Internal Compliance Programmes (ICPs) by private actors. The seminar aimed to draw lessons from the European experience in promoting a dialogue and cooperation between State bodies and private sector with a view to bolstering security and facilitating trade and foreign economic activity. Companies from Astana and neighbouring regions actively participated in the meeting by addressing many relevant questions to experts from Germany, Hungary, Lithuania and the UK. The Kazakh licensing authority favours a close cooperation among the companies, supporting the idea that pioneers in an industry, maintain well-established ICPs should assist the other firms who are only in the process of considering or establishing an ICP.

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Group Picture of the Almaty Industry Outreach in Kazakhstan



Second National Licensing Seminar for Armenia

10-11 May 2017, Yerevan

In the framework of the EU P2P Programme on Export Controls of Dual-Use Goods, the second national event dedicated to Licensing Assessment and Evaluation took place on 10-11 May in Yerevan, Armenia.

The seminar addressed relevant authorities involved in strategic trade controls such as the Ministry of Economic Development and Investment, Ministry of Defence, State Revenue Committee - Customs Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Central Bank, National Security Service and Expertise Organization and, its focus was on the licensing process and use of open source information.

In order to fulfil the country's request, the EU experts built on different exercises during which participants were called to confront, in groups, different export control scenarios. Each session was followed by a presenta-

tion and discussion on the possible solutions and steps ahead. As a result, the participants had an opportunity for an in-depth discussion with their counterparts from the EU Member States.

Experts from different EU Member States shared their knowledge with senior managers, policy officials and practitioners from different export control authorities in Armenia by presenting tailored EUCOTT modules including case studies and moderating exercises.

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Second Training Session for Licensing Officers in Cambodia

2-5 May 2017, Phnom Penh

A Training Session for Licensing Officers was organized in the framework of the EU P2P Export Control Programme on Dual-Use Goods on 2-5 May in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



Group Picture of the Second National Licensing Seminar for Armenia



Group Picture of the 2nd Training Session for Licensing Officers in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

The training was attended by approximately 20 representatives from Ministries and agencies that are currently involved in the licensing and control of imports and exports in Cambodia. These Ministries and Agencies may eventually become the backbone to support the inter-agency effort required for implementing and enforcing controls over the export, transit, transshipment, brokering and other activities of relevance to dual-use trade controls. Cambodia has yet to adopt a legal framework to address the proliferation of dual use items, as mandated by UN Security Council Resolution 1540.

Presently, Cambodia's effort to strengthen its legal framework for the control of dual-use items and to raise awareness on this matter among its national administrations has to be recognized, especially as regards goods transiting or transshipping through the country. For Cambodia, the aim is to actively participate in the

global effort against WMD proliferation by becoming part of a network of countries in the South East Asia having mechanisms in place to address sources of proliferation and obstruct the operation of unlawful actors in the region.

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Workshop on Applying the Correlation List by Ministries and Government Agencies* and by Customs Border Control and Inspection Personnel for Jordan**

23-24* and 25-26 April 2017, Amman**

After an initial "drafting workshop" held from 16 to 18 August 2016, the Jordanian Customs Department started elaborating the correlation list and presented a final draft to the Long Term Expert at the end of December



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2016. Following further consultations with the group of experts of the EU Member States and a meeting with Customs representatives and the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply of Jordan (MIT), further steps towards its enactment were discussed. The final consent to publish and apply the correlation list was given on the condition that all concerned authorities (ministries and government agencies having a responsibility in dual use trade controls and customs) and other users (industry) will become aware of it and they will develop a common understanding on how to apply it.

On 23 and 24 April 2017 the workshop addressed participants from the different ministries and government agencies who are members of one of the different commissions according to the existing and/or future legislative acts in dual use trade controls. On 25 and 26 April 2017, the workshop addressed customs border control and inspection personnel who are in charge of assessing cross-border transfers out of or through the Jordan cus-

toms territory. Initially, the participants were immersed into the legislative background of dual use trade control, including future transit and transshipment controls. After this, real life scenarios were used as a basis for interactive discussions among the participants. Finally, conclusions and structures of applying the correlation list were elaborated on a flipchart.

The activity was organised by the EU P2P Long Term Expert to Kazakhstan and it was supported by an expert from the UK.

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Second National Licensing Seminar for Georgia

4-6 April 2017, Tbilisi

In the framework of the EU P2P Programme on Export Controls of Dual-Use Goods, the second national seminar took place on 5-6 April in Tbilisi, Georgia.



Group Picture of the 2nd National Licensing Seminar for Georgia



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The focus of the seminar was on technical aspects relating to the identification of dual-use goods and on decision-making during the licensing process. The audience of the seminar included relevant units in Georgian Customs (Revenue Service) who deal with trade control related aspects such as non-tariff regulations, different customs clearance zones and border check points.

In order to fulfil the country's request, the EU experts have prepared different exercises on the basis of several case studies. The participants had to work in groups and resolve the cases. Each session was followed by a presentation and an open discussion on possible solutions. These interactions stimulated in-depth discussions between the EU Experts and the participants.

EU Experts from Croatia, France and Slovenia supported this event by presenting case studies and moderating exercises.

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Industry Days in the United Arab Emirates

4-6 April 2017, Dubai

The implementing consortium led by Expertise France organised together with the Executive Office of the Committee for Goods and Materials Subject to Import and Export Control, the Ministry of Defence, the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Authority and the Federal Customs Authority of the United Arab Emirates an Industry event for dual-use trade controls, in Dubai from 4 to 6 April 2017.

The objectives of these Industry Days were to exchange with the national authorities who manage the international trade of dual-use items and technologies, best practices and perspectives for establishing a strong partnership between public authorities and private sector stakeholders. Boosting the dialogue between authorities and firms originating in dual-use industries is always the first step towards such a partnership.



Group Picture of the Industry Days in the UAE



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The participants included representatives from 15 firms exporting dual-use items and technologies, Emirates' customs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the organising licensing authority. All of them contributed with their views to the identification of possible ways forward for enhancing the collaboration between industry and authorities. Organising similar dialogue events in the future, creating industry-authorities platforms for sustaining sound communication and organising joint trainings bringing together representatives from the public and private sector were identified as the most useful actions to consider for the future.

After fruitful exchanges, all the participants agreed that only an enhanced partnership between the national authorities and industry on the implementation of controls can strengthen international security and facilitate the legitimate trade of dual-use items and technologies. The experts committed to engaging with interested parties in order to sustain this collaborative process under the EU P2P Programme.

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Seminar on the Implementation of Transit and Transshipment Controls in Jordan

4-6 April 2017, Amman

In the framework of the EU P2P Programme on Export Controls of Dual-Use Goods and within CoE Project No 38, a seminar on the implementation of transit and transshipment controls in dual-use items for Jordan took place from 4 to 6 April 2017, in Amman.

The overall aim of the seminar was to raise awareness among all ministries and government agencies that are members in at least one of the different committees/

commissions examining possible approaches for incorporating transit and transshipment controls into the legislative and administrative (licensing) system. During the seminar, the general principles and basic concepts for applying controls on the transit and transshipment of dual use items as well as the current Jordan approach and legislation for licensing exports and re-exports of dual-use items were discussed.

EU experts from Hungary, Germany and the Netherlands supported the seminar by providing presentations on the legislative framework and administrative procedures in the EU, customs border control operations in the EU as well as a case study of a possible transit or transshipment transaction.

Building on the case study, the Long Term Expert was able to draw lessons, assess the current situation and discuss with the participants necessary follow-up actions.

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National Industry Day Event for Serbia

29 March 2017, Belgrade

In the framework of the EU P2P Programme on Export Control of Dual-Use Goods, the first Industry Day event for Serbia took place on 29 March in Belgrade.

The main purpose of the event was to share best practices and exchange views and expertise between relevant Serbian authorities involved in strategic trade controls and EU experts. The national organisations represented in the event included the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunication, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Military Technical Institute, Military Medical Institute, Customs Administration and



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Group Picture of National Industry Day Event for Serbia

the Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency. The discussions were benefited from the testimony of actors of the European dual-use industry. The main points of discussion concerned channels of communication between public and private actors, as well as challenges and ways to improve such a communication in order to build a trusted relationship between regulators and exporters. This could, ultimately, help a country to implement more effective export controls and comply with national and international obligations.

The meeting was based on a peer to peer approach and provided a very good opportunity for discussing participants' experiences from their day-to-day work and collaboration/ communication with exporters.

EU Experts from France, Italy and Slovenia supported this event by presenting national and international best practices as well as global trends.

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South East Asia Regional Seminar in Malaysia

22-23 March 2017, Kuala Lumpur

The EU P2P program on dual-use goods in partnership with the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) held a Regional Transit and Transshipment Controls Seminar on 22 and 23 March 2017, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The event was attended by eight South East Asian countries along with the Deputy Minister, YB Datuk Chua Tee Yong of MITI and the Head of the EU delegation to Malaysia. This was a first class opportunity to share practical experiences over the implementation of controls and challenges entailed in interdicting proliferation-sensitive goods moving through the South East Asian region.

The event came in the context of growing implementation efforts of export controls in the region.



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MITI Deputy Minister and EU Ambassador

Singapore's long-established trade control system was followed by the enactment of Malaysia's Strategic Trade Management Act in 2010. The Philippines adopted its own Strategic Trade Management Act in 2016, it recently established a Strategic Trade Management Office and it will soon adopt the Act's Implementing Rules and Regulations. Thailand is scheduled to move forward with the adoption of controls in 2018. Other countries in the region, such as Vietnam, Cambodia, Lao and Myanmar are all at different stages of planning in order to adopt their own laws on export control related aspects.

The event also provided an opportunity for the UN panel of experts on North Korean sanctions to speak on the North Korea's illicit trade which often concerns the South East Asian countries.

The Consortium implementing CoE Project No. 47, under the EU P2P program on dual-use goods plans to implement a full program of activities for each of the participating countries in the close future.

Link to other articles:

- ⇒ [Asean Regional Seminar on Transit and Transshipment](#)
- ⇒ [The European Union supports South-East Asia in its efforts to control the export of dual use goods](#)

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Group Photo with the MITI Deputy Minister and the EU Ambassador



Legal Workshop in Brunei

14-15 March 2017, Bandar Seri Begawan

The implementing consortium of the EU P2P Programme on Dual-Use Goods organised together with the National Focal Point (Prime Minister's Office, Security and Enforcement Division) a workshop on the legal framework of Brunei Darussalam in relation to dual-use trade controls, in Bandar Seri Begawan on 14 and 15 March 2017.

The objective of the workshop was to present and discuss the existing legislation and regulations of Brunei Darussalam that establish controls on trade. The EU experts had a chance to share international practices in this area with local experts and study the possibilities for enhancing specific controls on the international trade of dual-use items that can be diverted to proliferation and non-peaceful purposes. Eleven participants from the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs and Trade, Attorney General's Chambers, Customs, Ministry of Health, Department of Environment, Parks and Recreation - Ministry of Development, and Port Authority shared their experiences and views on the existing legislation and contributed to defining options for a national dual-use trade control system in accordance with international best practices and on the basis of existing mechanisms.

After a fruitful exchange of views and analysis of the current legal framework, the stakeholders participating in the workshop agreed on the main directions for adopting and implementing a dual-use trade control system in Brunei Darussalam. The general consensus is to discuss the design of a new law amending the current legal framework, and define a licensing processes based on an inter-ministerial coordinating committee and existing competencies of sectoral ministries.

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Group Photo of Legal Workshop in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei



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Second Ad Hoc Seminar for Barbados

15-17 March 2017, Bridgetown

At the request of Barbados, an Ad Hoc Seminar under the EU Arms Trade Treaty Outreach Programme (ATT OP) was held in Bridgetown, Barbados in June 2016. The aim of this workshop was to sensitize the Barbadian stakeholders to the ATT and discuss important points of the national implementation process such as licensing, record keeping and reporting, Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) as well as prosecution and sanctions. Following the June 2016 Seminar, in an official letter to COARM, Barbados' Ministry of Foreign Affairs requested a follow-up event in order to facilitate and support national implementation of the ATT. It was agreed to hold this Second Ad hoc Workshop in Bridgetown on 15-17 March 2017.



As requested by Barbados, the workshop focused on end-user documentation, brokering, tackling diversion as well as identification of weapons including parts and components thereof. Special attention was also paid to the relevant provisions of the Caribbean Com-



Group Picture of the ATT-OP Ad Hoc Seminar for Barbados



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munity (CARICOM) model law for ATT. The active participation of the attendants all over the workshop led to the examination of several relevant questions which contributed to a lively debate among the participants and between them and the EU experts.

The Ad Hoc Seminar was well attended included by senior government officials such as the Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs, the Comptroller of Customs and the Deputy Police Commissioner. Reports about the event appeared on television radio, and in the printed press. The EU team was composed of experts from Germany, Lithuania, Sweden, and CARICOM IMPACS. The implementing agency BAFA was the organizer of this capacity-building seminar.

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Second Regional Workshop for Eastern Partnership Countries

28-29 June 2017, Chisinau

With the second Regional Workshop for Eastern Partnership Countries, which took place on 28-29 June 2017 in Chisinau, Moldova, BAFA completed a successful series of regional events within the framework of the current COARM project.

The workshop was dedicated to State officials and other representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and the Ukraine who were given the opportunity to discuss regional developments in the area of strategic trade management for conventional arms and military goods with their counterparts of neighbouring countries as well as EU experts.

After the opening ceremony, an EU expert provided an update on recent developments in the framework of international export control regimes and on the latest amendments of the EU policy. Afterwards, a roundtable session on end-use verification took place offering to the participants an excellent opportunity for exchanges with the EU experts on this very important issue.

The focus of the second day was on counter mechanisms for arms diversion. A representative from the Conflict Armament Research Ltd. provided an insight in their work and reported on their latest findings. In addition, a Customs expert from Lithuania presented some relevant case studies. The event was completed by a discussion on internal compliance mechanisms. In Chisinau, the implementer was supported by experts

from Sweden, Lithuania, Greece and the Czech Republic as well as the Conflict Armament Research Ltd.

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Study Visit for Southeast Europe

7-8 June 2017, Bratislava

An Arms Export Control Study Visit for Southeast Europe took place in Bratislava, Slovakia on 7-8 June, 2017. Participants from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia engaged in lively discussions with EU experts from Croatia, Germany, the United Kingdom and customs and enforcement officers from the host country.

The study visit was opened by representatives from the Slovak Financial Administration, the EU Delegation and the German Embassy to Slovakia. The officials' statements highlighted the value of the COARM project based on EU Council Decision 2015/2309, financed by the European Union and the German government and implemented by BAFA. Throughout its long period of implementation, several countries in the region have been benefited from the programme by participating in various national, sub-regional and regional seminars and study visits to increase their capabilities in arms export control.

The study visit focused on two topics of great importance to the region, namely arms diversion and inter-agency cooperation. The EU experts stressed the importance of national inter-agency cooperation which is the foundation for effective regional coordi-



Group Picture of Study Visit for Southeast Europe

nation. Tackling complex problems such as arms diversion requires well-defined and coherent national procedures and a growing regional cooperation among the customs and licensing authorities concerned.

On the morning of the second day, the group of thirty participants and experts were invited to join a demonstration of customs daily workflow at the Bratislava airport and the border crossing point Jarovce-Kittsee. A practical demonstration of the mobile x-ray system HCV-Mobile V2, customs clearance workflow, passenger controls in the airport transit area as well as dog handlers and the mobile bomb threat unit were presented on this occasion. In the afternoon, a lively roundtable discussion involving all delegations as well as representatives of the US EXBS programme took place focusing on the modern challenges encountered by customs authorities in the risk management of ex-

ports. Participants appreciated the opportunity to have a forum for open discussions and exchange of practices and experiences and praised the work already conducted by the EU P2P Programme and BAFA.

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Regional Workshop for North Africa

23-24 May 2017, Rabat

Within the framework of the EU Council Decision 2015/2309 on the promotion of effective arms export controls, BAFA organized another Regional Workshop for North African Countries in Rabat, Morocco on 23-24 May 2017.

The second workshop for North African countries in this project was dedicated to transit and transshipment



Group Picture of the Regional Workshop for North Africa in Rabat

controls as well as arms diversion in Northern Africa and regional cooperation. Moreover, EU experts informed their colleagues on recent updates of the EU policy.

Throughout the workshop, European experts and participants engaged in frank and lively discussions. Particularly the sessions on marking and tracing as well as the presentation of the recent developments in the area of strategic trade management triggered intense debate among the attendees.

In Rabat, the implementer was supported by experts from Croatia, Hungary, Germany, Canada and the UK.

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Second Regional Workshop for South East Europe

26-27 April 2017, Skopje

Within the framework of the EU Council Decision 2015/2309 on the promotion of effective arms export controls, the implementing organisation, BAFA organized the Second Regional Workshop for South East European countries in Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on 26-27 April 2017.

The aim of the workshop was to provide partner countries a platform to meet and discuss recent developments concerning export controls of conventional arms with their counterparts of neighbouring countries and EU Member States. EU colleagues informed on recent updates of the EU policy and provided an overview of the state of play concerning international conventions and agreements such as the ATT and the Wassenaar Arrangement.



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Throughout the workshop, participants and experts engaged in interesting discussions on risk assessment from both licensing and customs perspective. The second day started with an interesting discussion on arms diversion in South East Europe and ended with a session on import marking, chaired by a representative of UNDP-SEESAC.

In Skopje the implementer was supported by experts from Croatia, Czech Republic, Austria, Italy and UNDP SEESAC.

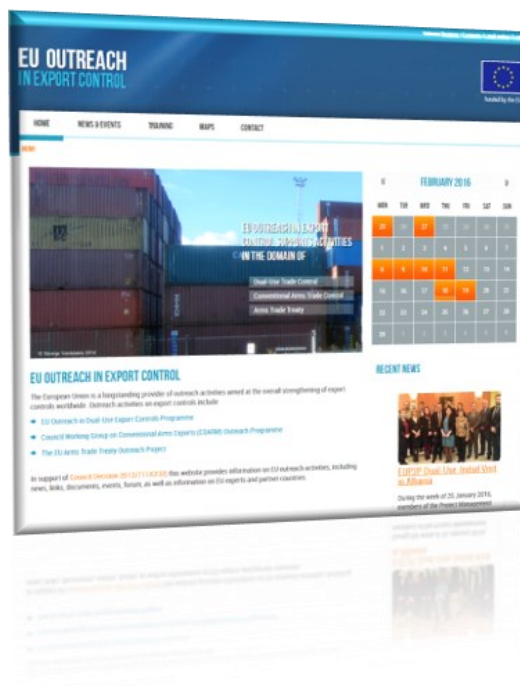
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The programme's objectives are to reduce the risk of proliferation by strengthening international cooperation in the field of dual-use export controls and strengthening national and regional capacity, taking into account the balance between security and economic considerations.

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