

# Slovakia Export Control Policy

## 1. Background

Export control constitutes an integral part of Slovakia's policy in the area of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation. Its practical implementation is translated into the establishment of a national system of export control built of two core components – export control of arms and military material and export control of dual-use goods and technologies.

The system of export control is based on EU and national legislative acts that lay down the conditions for activities related to trading in military material (national legislation) and dual-use goods and technologies (EU and national legislation).

The primary responsibility for implementing export control rests with the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic. MoE is entitled to seek opinion of other governmental agencies present on the export control regime: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, Customs Directorate, Nuclear Regulatory Authority, Slovak Intelligence Agency. MFA wields the power of veto on the regime. Its negative opinion results in denying the export licence application.

Slovakia closely observes its international obligations, primarily the UN and EU sanctions and obligations arising from its membership in international export control regimes (AG, NSG, WA, ZC).

## 2. Current changes to national legislation

### a/ Military material

The last amendments of Law No. 179/1998 Coll. on trading with military material and Law No. 455/1991 Coll. on small business (Trade License Law) place the responsibility with MoE to publish an annual report on trading in military material.

The public version of the Annual Report, published every December, contains:

- an analysis of current legislation regulating export, import and re-export of military material,
- an overview of developments of export, import and re-export of military material throughout the year, including its comparison with the preceding year,
- a complete list of permissions for trading in military material issued by the MoE throughout preceding year,
- a categorization of military material exported from Slovakia in preceding year,
- a list of end-destinations to which military material was exported during preceding year,
- the price total of exported military material,
- the total of applications for trading permissions in military material denied in preceding year,

- the total of applications for export license denied in preceding year.

Restricted version of the Annual Report containing classified data that are not included in the public version is submitted to the National Council of Slovakia (parliament).

b/ Dual-use goods and technology

A new law is being prepared by MoE, based on Regulation 1334/2000 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports of dual-use items and technology. The law is to deal with areas whose regulation falls within national competence of respective EU member states. The National Council is expected to consider the draft by the end of 2005.

c/ Small arms and light weapons

A draft of new law is currently under preparation. Its submission to the National Council of Slovakia is expected in early 2006.