

### **Current Export Control System in Finland**

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA) is in charge of Finnish non-proliferation policy as well as the security and trade policy aspects of export controls.

In the MFA, the Political Department and its Unit for Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, coordinates Finland's participation in the international cooperation concerned, for example in the export control regimes.

The MFA's Department of External Economic Relations and its Export Control Unit monitor export controls from the trade policy point of view. It is also the authority granting export authorisations for exports of dual-use goods.

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) is the authority responsible for granting licences for exports of defence materiel (i.e. military goods and technologies as listed in the Munitions List).

The Ministry of the Interior (MOI) is the authority responsible for granting export and import authorisations for non-military firearms and ammunition as well as for national implementation of the relevant EU directives.

### **Recent Developments and Future**

Since June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 MFA is responsible also for the export control of NSG Part 1 items.

Finland is developing her national export control legislation on ongoing basis. This work is done mainly in the EU context e.g. by introducing transit and brokering controls in the near future.

### **National Legislation**

Act on the Control of Exports of Dual-Use Goods (562/1996, as amended)

Government Decree on the Control of Exports of Dual-Use Goods (924/2000, as amended)

Act on Export and Transit of Defence Materiel (242/1990, as amended)

Decree on Export and Transit of Defence Materiel (108/1997, as amended)

General Guidelines on the Export and Transit of Defence Materiel (1000/2002)

Decision of the Ministry of Defence on Export and Transit of Defence Materiel (192/1997, as amended)

Firearms Act (1/1998, as amended) and Firearms Decree (145/1998, as amended).

### **EU Legislation**

(EC) Regulation No 1334/2000

Council Joint Action (2000/401/CFSP)

### **Web pages:**

<http://formin.finland.fi/palvelut/kauppa/vientivalvonta>

<http://www.defmin.fi/>

<http://www.intermin.fi/arpajaisase>