

State Agency for National Security BULGARIA



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TRACKER BEST PRACTICES SEMINAR

- I. State Agency for National Security (SANS) – history, activities, role in Bulgarian export control system

- II. The benefits of using an automated licensing process (the Tracker System)

I. State Agency for National Security (SANS)

- *Established on 1st of April 2008*
- *Successor of former National Security Service, Military Counterintelligence Service and Financial Intelligence Agency*
- *Directly subordinated to the Prime Minister*

State Agency for National Security (SANS)

- *Specialized counterintelligence and informational service of Bulgaria, responsible for the protection of national security.*
- *Agency is responsible for counterintelligence, analysis and prognoses, exercising of control, coordination and methodological activity.*
- *Threats to national security posed by intelligence on behalf of foreign powers, anti-constitutional activity, threats against economic, financial and ecological security, corruption and other threats to the state apparatus, threats to strategic structures and activities, international terrorist and extremist activity, illegal migration and illegal international arms trade, illegal production, proliferation and trade with drugs.*

art. 4, paragraph 1, section 12 –
Law on State Agency for
National Security (SANS)

**“SANS conducts supervision, counteraction
and prevention of illegal international
trade in arms and dual-use items”**

THE ROLE OF SANS IN BULGARIAN EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM

FIRST LEVEL

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL

GRANTS GENERAL LICENSES AND REGISTRATION TO PERSONS AND COMPANIES FOR FOREIGN TRADE AND BROKERING IN ARMS AND DUAL-USE GOODS

➤ SANS examines the reliability of the applicants for general license and registration and presents position at the Council's sessions

SECOND LEVEL

INTERMINISTERIAL COMMISSION – MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND ENERGY

ISSUES LICENCES (PERMITS) FOR EXPORT, IMPORT, TRANSFER WITHIN EU AND TRANSIT SHIPMENTS

➤ SANS provides an appraisal on each specific deal for export or import of arms and dual-use items

THIRD LEVEL

COMMON ACTIONS WITH CUSTOMS, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, BORDER POLICE, MFA

➤ Direct control of exports, imports and transit – follow-up checks, physical inspection

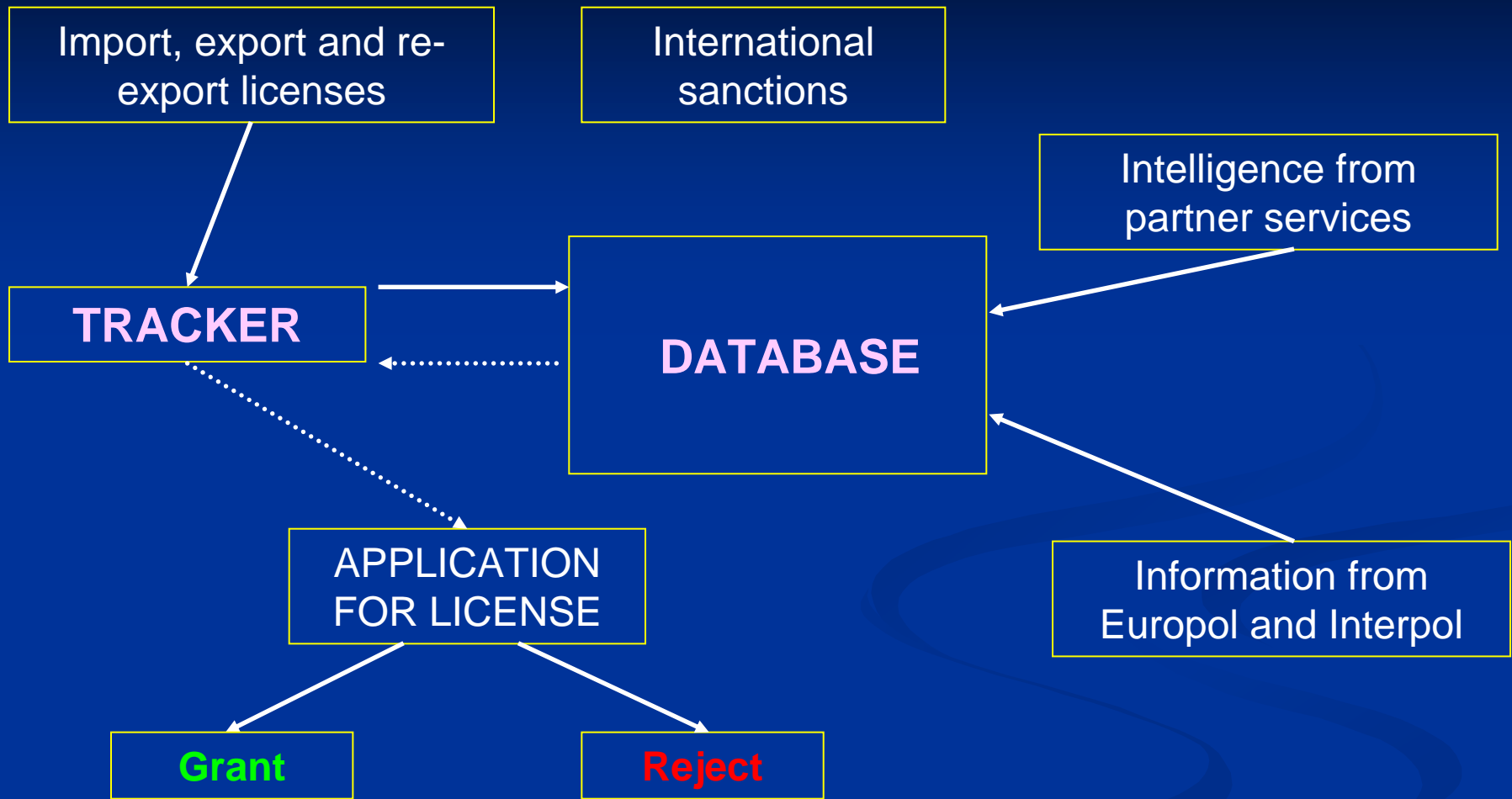
II. The benefits of using an automated licensing process (the Tracker System)

The Tracker System delivers:

- Simultaneous distribution of on-line information to multiple users within export control administration
- Up-to-date information for deposited applications for licenses (permits) for transactions with arms and dual-use items
- Statistics of issued, denied and postponed licenses

The Tracker System advantages:

- Provides for the experts, who prepare positions for the members of the Interministerial Commission, scanned documents like trade registration, tax registration, contracts with foreign companies, end-users and others.
- The preliminary assessment of the set of documents in an application makes more efficient the detailed review and the compliance with export control restrictions (International embargoes, EU Code of Conduct, National export policy)
- The Tracker records combined with each authority database facilitate the decision making process



**Thank you very much for the
attention!**

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