

# Initiatives on Regional Cooperation

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Brazilian export controls of strategic commodities were established by Law 9112/95.

The Ministry of Science and Technology (MCT) is Brazil's National Authority for CWC, BTWC, and nonproliferation -related export controls regimes (NSG and MTCR).

MCT chairs the Inter-ministerial Commission for Control of Sensitive Items (CIBES), which establishes policy guidelines for export controls and publishes and updates the Control Lists.

The Coordination-General for Sensitive Items (CGBE) is the Executive Secretariat of CIBES.

# Inter-ministerial Commission for Export Control of Sensitive Items (CIBES)

Ministry of Science and Technology

Ministry of Justice

Ministry of Defense

Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade

Ministry of Finance

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## Coordination-General for Sensitive Items (CGBE) main activities:

1. Executive Secretariat of Cibes.
2. Responsible for the authorization on the international transfers of items from the nuclear, chemical, biological and missilistic areas.
3. Implementation of nonproliferation and disarmament conventions and regimes.

## CGBE's experience with regional cooperation

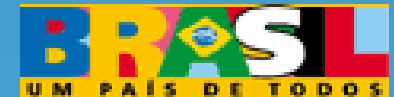
CGBE and the U.S Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration cooperation:

July 2007 - training course on identification of commodities involved in WMD production: WMD Commodity Identification Training (CIT) and WMD Instructor Training Course (CIT-IT).

April 2008 - Export Control Licensing End-Use/End-User Analysis Training Workshop (EUEU).

December 2008 - WMD Commodity Identification Training (CIT) - jointly organized by CGBE and the U.S Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration.

May 2009 - First CIT completely organized by CGBE - Santos Port/SP.



## CGBE's experience with regional cooperation

September 2007 - CWC Advanced Course Held for National Authorities of Lusophone States Parties.

An advanced course for officials of National Authorities from Lusophone States Parties, who are responsible for implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)

May 2009 -First Regional Assistance-and-Protection Course on Chemical-Emergency Response (PEQUIM-1)

November 2008 - UN Workshop on the Implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004) for Mercosur States.

## Specialized Working Group on Illicit Traffic of Nuclear and Radioactive Material - MERCOSUL

The Group was created in order to complement the General Plan of Reciprocal Cooperation and Coordination for regional security between Members States and Associates of MERCOSUL.

The objective of the General Plan of Reciprocal Cooperation and Coordination is to maximize the security levels with respect to criminal actions in general and particularly to those beyond the national borders.

The Working Group is designed to plan several operational and coordination actions for the prevention of the illicit trafficking of nuclear and/or radioactive material in MERCOSUL.

## Some of the aims are the following:

Develop and strengthen the national and Members States and Associates of MERCOSUL initiatives in order to prevent and combat the illicit trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials, expanding them at the regional level.

To promote awareness and responsibility in relation to the consequences of the illicit trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials.

To supplement and reinforce control procedures for the transportation of nuclear and radioactive substances.

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## What else *CGBE* can offer as a regional cooperation?

- Creation of a National Authority and legislative framework about export control of sensitive items.
- Implementation of the export control lists using Mercosur Customs Codes.
- Outreach program.

# Implementation of the export control lists using Mercosur Customs Codes

## Common Mercosur Nomenclature - NCM

Numerical code formed by 8 digits

First 6 digits come from Harmonized Tariff Codes - HS

The 7 and 8 digits aims to give a more detailed specification to meet the interests of Mercosur States

In Brazil's system , it is possible to add 2 extra digits for export/import control purposes

Example:

2829.90 - perchlorates, bromates, perbromates, iodates, periodates

2829.90.50 - perchlorates

2829.90.50.01 - ammonium perchlorate

An interministerial group is working on the classification of all the items listed in the control lists, so they can be properly identified by the licensing and customs officials.

## PRONABENS

Brazilian National Program for the promotion of dialogue between the Private Sector and the Government in matters related to Sensitive Assets

Jointly developed by the Ministry of Science and Technology (MCT) and the Brazilian Intelligence Agency (ABIN).

PRONABENS conducts outreach activities (such as technical visits and seminars) involving industries, research centers and governmental bodies whose activities are related to sensitive and/or dual-use assets and technologies.

## Advantages of the Program

Low costs and practical logistics.

“In loco” observation and direct contact with professionals who deal with sensitive goods.

Open and direct channel between industry, academia and governmental bodies.

Industry becomes a State ally.

Detection of eventual control gaps.

## History

The Program's main focus throughout the years:

2004 to first half of 2005 - Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC - Pronabens visited nearly all the companies that are subject to control of import/export activities)

2005 to 2006 - Nuclear segment (all companies visited)

2006 to today - Biological Weapons Convention

## Example - Biological Area

Visits to research institutions, universities, public health laboratories, crop dusting companies, microorganism banks, bio-industries etc.

## Main results

Information and awareness-raising.

Publication of Brazilian List of Biological Sensitive Items, with the collaboration of Brazilian experts.

Inter-ministerial Working Group on biosecurity.

Any questions?  
Thank you!

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