

EGAD "Information Pod" at DSEI 2015

Members are reminded that, once again, it is planned for EGAD to have an information "pod" at the biennial Defence & Security Exhibition International (www.dsei.co.uk/), which is due to take place at the ExCeL in London Docklands, on Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th September. The stand number will be S4-266, and it is planned to be manned throughout the exhibition by export control experts drawn from the EGAD Executive Committee; if any EGAD Members are planning on being there and attending DSEI 2015, they are warmly encouraged to pop by the stand and pose any queries that they may have with the experts who will be on duty at the event.

In addition, it is planned for staff from the UK MoD's International Relations Group to be present, at EGAD's Information "Pod" at 14.00 – 15.00 on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September, to answer any queries that any EGAD Members might have on US Export Control matters, including the UK/US Defense Trade Cooperation Treaty – if anyone might want to meet with them (or with Mr George Grammas, from Squire Patton Boggs, who will also be attending DSEI 2015), they can contact Brinley.Salzmann@adsgroup.org.uk, and he will try to arrange for an appointment.

Assistance Sought on the Revision of the GOV.UK Website

Following a suggestion which was made at a recent meeting of EGAD's Awareness Outreach Activities Sub-Committee, it is proposed to try to establish a small Industry working group to try to assist the Export Control Organisation in the changes that will be needed for the GOV.UK website. It is widely agreed that there are too many guides on the current website, but it is recognised that the ECO currently lacks the in-house resources to try to rationalize these. There are some quite valuable and worthwhile guides which have been archived, and these need to be extracted and re-drafted for re-issuing. There are over eighty (80) pages on the website – clearly this needs to be significantly rationalized and consolidated to more manageable proportions, but without losing anything. It has been agreed that a much better structure is needed, and that some of the content could usefully be improved. Therefore, it has been agreed that there was a lot of work to do, with very little budget to pay for it, and it has been suggested that the creation of a small working group might be needed to assist the ECO in their efforts to try to enhance its website materials. If there are any potential volunteers from Industry, they are invited to put themselves forward to assist the ECO in this work by contacting: Brinley.Salzmann@adsgroup.org.uk.

Useful Websites:

www.pmdtc.state.gov/ www.greenlightexports.co.uk
www.strategicexportcontrols.org/ www.davidhayes-exportcontrols.com
www.egad.org.uk www.export-consultancy.co.uk
www.importexportsolutions.co.uk www.techuk.org/
www.adsgroup.org.uk www.siaed.org
www.strongandherd.co.uk www.export-controls.co.uk
www.gov.uk/government/organisations/export-control-organisation
www.gov.uk/browse/business/imports-exports/import-and-export-controls

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News: International Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Developments

On Monday 24th to Thursday 27th August 2015, the First Conference of States Parties, took place in Cancun, Mexico, under Mexican chairmanship and with a large participation from NGO and civil society, to try to finalize some of the details associated with the implementation of the ATT. Illicit defence materiel flows fuel conflicts and instability, cause havoc in too many countries and result in a terrible human toll. The Arms Trade Treaty, adopted in 2013 by the UN and entered into force in December 2014, can curb illicit arms trafficking with the robust controls that it mandates over arms transfers. So far, 72 States globally have ratified the Treaty, including 26 EU Member States. The ambition of the Conference to lay solid foundations for the ATT was met as it successfully agreed its rules of procedure and financial rules, common reporting arrangements for States and established the ATT Secretariat.

The conference successfully adopted all decisions foreseen for it in the ATT process. More particularly:

- The Conference of States Parties' Rules of Procedure as well as the Financial Rules, which will be used also in the forthcoming CSPs, were adopted.
- Geneva (Switzerland) was assigned as the seat of the permanent ATT Secretariat.
- Mr. Simeon Dumisani Dladla (South Africa) was appointed as the first Head of Secretariat, for the duration of one year (until the convening of the second CSP).
- The conference appointed a Management Committee with five members - Jamaica, Japan, France, Cote d'Ivoire and the Czech Republic - to assist with the administrative tasks related to the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat and the second CSP, as seen necessary.
- The conference also adopted the provisional budget of the next CSP and the Secretariat.
- The CSP took a decision concerning elements for the programme of work for the period up to the second CSP, including holding an Extraordinary Meeting to tackle some of the remaining administrative issues. The meeting is most likely to take place in Geneva, Switzerland, in early-2016.
- Ambassador Emmanuel Imohe, of Nigeria, was designated as the President of the next CSP, which is to be held in Geneva in summer 2016. Costa Rica, New Zealand, Montenegro and Finland were selected as vice Presidents of that CSP.
- In addition, the conference adopted provisional reporting templates to be used by States Parties in their first submission of national reporting (both initial and the first annual) to the Secretariat. A working group was established to continue working on the reporting formats in the interim period between the CSPs.



Export Licensing "Agony Aunt"

Q1 - "I am interacting with several MoD / USAF contacts and the feedback from my client is that the MoD and USAF don't seem to have any understanding of ITAR requirements and often my client has to stop conversations and visitors disclosing information and has to request TAA amendments to meet the needs of the Parties. Is there a MoD department / point of contact now, that you know of, which should be included in the loop when signing up to agreements with the US DoD?"

A – The key contacts there would be:

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In addition, anything on these issues could very usefully be copied to:

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First Secretary Defence Acquisition & Exports, British Embassy, Washington DC
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Nicholas Matheson
Legal Attaché, British Embassy, Washington DC
Tel: 001 202 588 6758
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AEB's 6th Annual Export Control & Compliance Seminar

Once again, Leamington Spa-based EGAD Member AEB (International) Ltd (www.aeb-international.co.uk) is proposing on holding a **FREE** to attend whole-day seminar on export control and compliance issues, which is due to take place on **Thursday 8th October** at the Mallory Court Hotel, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. AEB's compliance conference, in partnership with CILT(UK), has become an essential industry event for forward-looking SCM and GTM managers striving to implement and maintain effective compliance programmes. The conference, which is themed "Shaping up for the future: Export control challenges now and beyond", features perspectives from industry and authorities, and includes expert panel discussions for all to join in. Further details are to be found at: www.aeb-international.co.uk/uk/events/index.php, and places can be booked at: www.aeb-international.co.uk/uk/events/compliance-conference-registration.php.

EGAD Website

EGAD is in the process of significantly revising and updating its website, which should be launched shortly; it will still have much the same information, but in a refreshed look and format, which we hope will be easier to follow. Comments would be welcome as soon as it is launched.

Intra-Community Transfers Survey

EGAD has been passed the following message by the Brighton-based Technopolis Group, which is seeking to conduct a survey on the Intra-Community Transfers Directive, on behalf of the European Commission:

TECHNOPOLIS REQUEST

Evaluation of Directive 2009/43/EC on the Transfers of Defence-Related Products within the Community Industry Consultation

The European Commission has contracted the independent consultancy **Technopolis [group]** to evaluate the implementation of Directive 2009/43/EC on the Transfers of Defence-Related Products within the Community.

The **Transfers Directive** ("ICT") entered into force in 2009, and applied across all Member States and EEA countries by 2012. It seeks to simplify the terms and conditions for the transfer of defence-related products within the EU.

The Commission has to review the implementation of the Directive by June 2016, and report on this to the European Parliament and Council. In preparation for this, it has commissioned an **evaluation** of the implementation, uptake and impact of the Directive, and to provide recommendations to address any identified problems.

A central aspect of the evaluation is a survey-based **consultation** with representatives of the European defence industry. A questionnaire for this purpose is available online, and can be accessed at the following address:

<http://info.technopolis-group.com/Defence/>

The **questionnaire** seeks to gauge industry's familiarity with and use of various aspects of the Directive (including transfer licences and certification), and to gather views, experiences and feedback on the implementation and impact of the Directive.

The survey has been kept short and simple, and should provide an opportunity for companies to give input on a range of issues, and to provide important evidence for the study. The consultation will run until **Friday 18th September 2015**.

All responses obtained through the consultation will be treated in the strictest confidence, in line with EU legislation on data protection. Information will only be passed to the Commission and published in an aggregated and non-attributable form.

Thank you in advance for your input to this important exercise. If you would like further information or have any questions, please contact a member of the study team at the following address: defence@technopolis-group.com

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All EGAD Members are encouraged to try to respond to this request.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Intermediate and Beginners Workshops
Oxford, 9 and 10 September
denise.carter@bis.gsi.gov.uk

ECO Symposium
London, 22 September
denise.carter@bis.gsi.gov.uk

European Export Controls
Brussels, 29 – 30 September
www.c5-online.com/2016/590/european-export-controls/overview

Control List Classification and Using the Checker Tools: Military Goods
London, 30 September
denise.carter@bis.gsi.gov.uk

Defence Exports
Amsterdam, 30 September to 1 October
jhitchen@smi-online.co.uk

Making Better Licence Applications
London, 1 October
denise.carter@bis.gsi.gov.uk

Intermediate and Beginners Workshops
Leeds, 7 and 8 October
denise.carter@bis.gsi.gov.uk

Making Better Licence Applications
Leeds, 8 October
denise.carter@bis.gsi.gov.uk

AEB's 6th Annual Export Control & Compliance Seminar
Leamington Spa, 8 October
hannah.beckett@aeb.com

Control List Classification and Using the Checker Tools: Dual-Use Goods
London, 21 October
denise.carter@bis.gsi.gov.uk

Making Better Licence Applications
London, 22 October
denise.carter@bis.gsi.gov.uk

SIA's Fall Advanced Conference
Washington DC, 26-27 October
<http://www.siaed.org/en/cev/190>

Control List Classification and Using the Checker Tools: Military Goods
London, 4 November
denise.carter@bis.gsi.gov.uk

Making Better Licence Applications
London, 5 November
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Intermediate and Beginners Workshops
Manchester, 18 and 19 November
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Global Trade Controls & Compliance Conference
London, 18 and 19-20 November
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Making Better Licence Applications
Manchester, 19 November
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Intermediate Workshop
London, 2 December
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