

Q13. What is the Government's policy regarding Canadian origin military equipment going through the United States to areas of conflict or of human rights abuse?

A. There is no export control on most goods (including military goods) going to the USA for final use or for further manufacturing in that country. If the Canadian exporter is aware that goods are only transiting the USA, then an export permit would be required, indicating the country of final destination.

Q14. How does this policy square with Canada's efforts towards arms control and disarmament? Will it not increase East/West tensions?

A. By the limitations which it places on certain destinations for exports of Canadian origin military goods, this policy supports the Government's commitment to arms control and disarmament. Through the priority accorded to meeting our requirements for national security and our alliance obligations for collective defence, this policy contributes to the balance of strategic deterrence, which is a cornerstone of arms control in an East/West context.