Equipment Holdings

Canada interprets conventional equipment holdings as all equipment designed for and used by a nation's national defence force, for which the legal title is held. All equipment, whether operational, in storage, in a maintenance cycle or awaiting decommissioning is considered a national holding.

Category Definitions

For the most part, the Category definitions for the Register are quite specific and leave little or no room for interpretation. Category I (Battle Tanks), Category III (Large Calibre Artillery Systems), Category IV (Combat Aircraft) and Category VI (Warships) are self-explanatory and should cause few inconsistencies.

CATEGORY I BATTLE TANKS

The Register definition is:

"Tracked or wheeled self-propelled armoured fighting vehicles with high cross-country mobility and a high level of self protection, weighing at least 16.5 metric tonnes unladen weight, with a muzzle velocity direct fire gun of at least 75 millimetres calibre."

CATEGORY II ARMOURED COMBAT VEHICLES

The Register definition is:

"Tracked, semi-tracked or wheeled self-propelled vehicles, with armoured protection and cross-country capability, either:

- (a) designed and equipped to transport a squad of four or more infantrymen; or,
- (b) armed with an integral or organic weapon of at least 12.5 millimetres or a missile launcher."

Canada interprets this category to include all Armoured Combat Vehicles including Armed Amphibious Vehicles, Armoured Personnel Carriers, and Amphibious and Tracked Carriers.