

Proposals to include other countries on the List will be subject to an intense case-by-case basis review to confirm that:

- the requirement for automatic firearms is legitimate and reasonable;
- defence co-operation with Canada will enhance regional co-operation and security; and
- the country being considered for defence co-operation does not threaten regional or world security, and does not maintain an excessive level of armaments.

Automatic firearms are military goods and are included on the Canadian Export Control List under Item 2001. Each application to export automatic firearms to an approved country must therefore still be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and normal licensing requirements will still have to be met. These include providing an end-use statement and supporting documentation, most notably an International Import Certificate from the country of final destination. In addition, applications will be subject to the normal intense interdepartmental review, and the guidelines adopted by the Government in 1986 will be applied; that is, exports of military goods will be closely controlled to:

- countries which pose a threat to Canada or its allies;
- countries involved in or under imminent threat of hostilities; and
- countries under United Nations Security Council sanctions; or
- countries whose governments have a persistent record of serious violations of the human rights of their citizens, unless it can be demonstrated that there is no reasonable risk that the goods might be used against the civilian population.

Exports of automatic firearms will be reported in the annual report on exports of military goods from Canada. All production facilities in Canada for automatic firearms have to meet existing rigorous Department of National Defence (DND) and Department of Supply and Services (DSS) security standards, and are subject to regular rigorous inspections.