

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Input

Much of the information related to the export of conventional arms in each reporting year is supplied by the Export Controls Division within DFAIT.

Canadian regulations require that firms seeking to export military goods obtain an export permit. Since one of the primary functions of the Export Controls Division is to issue export permits for military goods, it is relatively easy for this Division to establish the number of export permits that have been issued for the goods identified in the Register. Using this information the Division, in cooperation with each Canadian exporter, determines the precise number of individual equipment transfers that have taken place during the reporting period.

Department of National Defence (DND) Input

Much of the information on imports of military goods is provided by the Department of National Defence. To assist in other aspects of our national submission, DND also provides data on national production, total equipment holdings, and any other information not available to DFAIT.

Within DND the Directorate of Nuclear and Arms Control Policy (DNAC Pol) has been tasked to coordinate the submission of information from the many organizations within the defence community. Each year a letter is sent to the force development divisions of the Canadian Army, Navy and Air Force asking each service to assign a point of contact who will obtain information from each service on their existing equipment holdings and equipment which has been obtained through national production or imports.

Once reports are received from each of Canada's military services, the data is compiled and compared with the previous year's report by DND officials. Finally, after any inconsistencies in the data are examined and resolved, a consolidated report is drafted and forwarded to DFAIT.

Once defence officials have compiled their information, DFAIT convenes a joint DFAIT-DND meeting to finalize the Canadian submission. This submission is then published and forwarded to the United Nations.