

trade and the continuing increase in the flow of people and goods across borders serves to complicate the issue of detection even more.<sup>52</sup>

## AMMUNITION CONTROLS

### The Regulations

Most states have some form of controls on the manufacture, shipping, storage, export and import of ammunition and ammunition components.<sup>53</sup> In Canada these controls fall under a myriad of different regulatory bodies ranging from various divisions within the Department of External Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) through Revenue Canada (Customs and Excise), the Explosives Regulatory Division, to the RCMP. The regulatory agencies are in turn bound by numerous legislative and administrative acts and directives.<sup>54</sup>

In Canada the Explosives Regulatory Division of Natural Resources Canada monitors the manufacture and storage of explosives including ammunition under the Explosives Act and the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act. The Canadian Explosives Research Laboratory tests all commercial explosives, sporting ammunition, etc. The Explosives Regulatory Division, among other things, provides licencing for and inspects the manufacturing, importing, storage and transportation of explosives.<sup>55</sup> No small arms ammunition (with the exception of certain flare and dummy ammunition) or components such as powder and primer can be legally exported without the official authorization of the Export Control Division of DFAIT.<sup>56</sup>

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<sup>52</sup> A "Towards Collaborative Peace" research project has made a link between free trade and an increased flow in illicit arms trafficking in South America. TCP Project News 1 *Institute for Defence Policy*, September, 1996

<sup>53</sup> Firearms and ammunition regulations in the USA run a gamut of federal, state and municipal controls of varying degrees. Most ammunition restrictions are centered on explosive controls dealing with handling, storage and exports. (see Annex C).

<sup>54</sup> Some acts relevant to ammunition are: Criminal Code, various Criminal Law Amendment Acts, Customs Act, Explosives Act, Export and Import Permits Act, and the National Defence Act. Also see Canadian Firearms Centre <http://canada.justice.gc.ca/Orientations/CCAF> for useful information on civilian ammunition regulations.

<sup>55</sup> For further details see: <http://www.cisti.nrc.ca/programs/indcan/edlabs/text/91.html>

<sup>56</sup> For details on export restrictions see: "Annex C to - Canada, DFAIT. *Light Weapons and Micro-Disarmament*. Ottawa, January 1997 and Canada, DFAIT. *A Guide to Canada's Export Controls*. September, 1996 see <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/eicb/cdaexp-e.htm>. For details on the responsibilities of the Explosive Regulatory Division see <http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/explosif>