

- Feedback from users and missions is sought
- Quality Management System

Further, several acts and policies that have been introduced serve to increase accountability and awareness:

- Accountability Act
- Public Service Modernization Act
- Procurement Reform
- New Internal Audit Policy and Financial Policy suites

Potential Impacts

If this risk was to materialize and non-compliance was exposed, DFAIT may suffer reputation damage. Such exposure can result in loss of confidence in the Department, and potentially, loss or reduction of DFAIT's authorities. The Department may face scrutiny and increased regulation associated with potential for increased costs, inefficiency, and further non-compliance. In extreme conditions, the Minister's may not be in compliance with their obligations.

Specific potential consequences of circumvention of processes and controls may include:

- Breach of international control commitments
- Possible contravention of Canadian law
- Compromised information provided to Minister, Deputy Ministers, Parliament or Central Agencies
- Values and ethics breaches
- Increased exposure to legal action and liability
- Misuse/mishandling of Export Permits or Passports (both of which are particularly vulnerable to fraud and criminal action)