The Republic of Armenia continues to strengthen the national export control mechanisms for conventional armaments, military equipment, dual-use goods and related technologies with the aim of full compliance with its international obligations. Relevant activities are based on the implementation of the UN SC resolutions, the fulfillment of its obligations stemming from international conventions and regimes the country has joined or adheres on a voluntary basis, as well as on the bilateral agreements it has signed.

The legislation of Armenia on the Export Control was revised and new laws and legislative acts were adopted at the end of 2009 and the beginning of 2010. In particular, the amendments to existing laws "On Licensing", "On Weapons", "On State Duty", as well as to the Criminal Code of Armenia were signed by the President of Armenia (September 25, 2009). In order to ensure the implementation of those amendments, the Government of Armenia adopted a number of relevant decisions (in particular decree N1308, November 12, 2009), which determine the procedure of licensing of export of military goods, their transit and brokering activities, including the national lists of military goods.

A single detailed list of controlled military goods based on Wassenaar Arrangement was established. It is periodically being updated.

At the same time the Government introduced a system of licensing related to the export of military goods and brokering activities in that area. The procedure requires granting of a license to legal or natural persons carrying out activities related to the export of military goods, including brokering. A special commission for licensing was set up by the Government decree. It includes representatives from the governmental agencies involved in Export Control area and the Ministry of Defense has been recognized as the licensing authority.

The export of dual-use goods is regulated by the law “On Controlling Export of Dual-Use Commodities, their Transit through the territory of the Republic of Armenia as well as Transfer of Dual-Use Information and Products of Intellectual Activity” (April 8, 2010). The new Law, which replaced the 2003 law on dual-use items and technologies, meets new challenges in the strategic trade control area.

According to the Law:

- the export of dual-use goods is performed if there is a clearance from the Authorized Body;

- there are three types of clearances - single use, personal and general; there are also established procedures of their procurement;

- intangible (software and technology) exports are included in the list of controlled items; a clearance is required for the export of those items.
For the implementation of provisions of the Law, the Ministry of Economy was appointed by the Government (decree N924, July 1st, 2010) as the Authorized Body for the control of exports of dual-use goods and technologies, transportation of transit through the territory of the Republic of Armenia.

In order to strengthen the effectiveness of the export control system in Armenia, a permanent joint task force on border and customs control was established in 2010. Rapid detection, joint response and prevention of the emerging situations in the area of strategic trade control are among the activities of the Task Force.

For the further improvement of the business environment in Armenia and with the purpose to reduce the corruption risks, the Government of Armenia takes the necessary steps to facilitate customs clearance procedures, in particular to reduce the time required for customs procedures, and to minimize the contacts with Customs officers.