

Paper work

***Export Control and Related Border
Security Assistance in Jordan
Customs***

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The EXBS Program: Export Control and Related Border Security Assistance

EXBS Program:

The Export Control and Related Border Security Assistance (EXBS) program is the United States Government's premier initiative to help other countries improve their export control systems.

The EXBS program is a U.S. Government interagency program, managed by the Department of State's Bureau of Nonproliferation, designed to help prevent proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), their missile delivery systems, conventional weapons, and related items by assisting foreign governments to establish and implement effective export control systems that meet international standards.

- is led and funded by the Department of State's Bureau of Nonproliferation, Office of Export Control Cooperation;
- draws on expertise from the Departments of State, Homeland Security, Commerce, Energy, Defense, and the private sector to provide a range of legal, licensing, and enforcement training and equipment;
- operated with a budget of \$36 million in fiscal year 2003 (up from just \$3 million in fiscal year 1998) with funds for programs in over 40 countries; and
- has placed 20 dedicated Program Advisors at U.S. Embassies to help coordinate and implement the program.

EXBS Program Implementing Agencies:

- Department of State
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Energy
- Department of Homeland Security

The Proliferation Threat:

- One of the highest foreign policy and national security priorities of the United States is preventing the spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and their means of delivery. The audacity of terrorists' attacks in recent years and evidence that they are pursuing chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons have raised the stakes. These developments demonstrate why it is critical for all responsible members of the global community to put in place effective measures to prevent the spread of these weapons and technologies.

The EXBS Program in Action:

- The EXBS program's original focus was on the WMD "source countries" in the Former Soviet Union (Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan). To address the changes in the proliferation threat, the program has broadened to include states on potential smuggling routes in Eastern and Central Europe, the Balkans, Central Asia, and the Caucasus, as well as to potential "source countries" in South Asia and countries with major transshipment hubs in the Mediterranean, Middle East, and Southeast Asia.
- The EXBS program has helped countries around the world improve their ability to prevent and interdict shipments of dangerous items and technologies by providing a wide variety of practical assistance tailored to each individual country's needs. Examples of activities and successes exhibit the program's efforts in five core areas.
 - Laws and Regulations
 - Licensing
 - Enforcement
 - Provided Malta and Jordan with sophisticated x-ray equipment to screen cargo at their major transshipment ports.
 - Government-Industry Cooperation
 - Interagency Cooperation Coordination
- The EXBS program also takes a regional and multilateral approach to help harmonize national export control systems with international standards and facilitate information-sharing agreements among nations. The program also organizes a number of regional forums to bring national policymakers and technical experts together.

Jordan's Participation in EXBS Activities:

- **EXBS Program: Legal Technical Forum I**
Amman, Jordan
April 27-29, 2004
- **EXBS Program: Global Transshipment Control Enforcement Workshop**
Valletta, Malta
May 11, 2004
- **EXBS Program: Legal Technical Forum II**
Amman, Jordan
August 1-3, 2005
- **EXBS Program:**
USA
- **EXBS Program:**
United Kingdom
- **Wisconsin Project Seminar**
Amman, Jordan
March 19-21, 2006

MIT (The Directorate of Trade) is the focal point of implementing the control of the trade of the dual (strategic) use products. In this context, MIT is in the final stage of customizing and adopting the EU Control List in Jordan.

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Advantages (EXBS)

The EXBS program is a U.S Government interagency program, managed by the Department of States Bureau of Nonproliferation, with the aim of increasing the capability of the government of Jordan in border protection and initiating a national list of export control which shall include strategic goods and double use goods.

This program included technical assistance in addition to specialized training courses and workshops both inside Jordan and abroad regarding enforcement of export controls on strategic commodities, and implementing effective control system which meet international standards.

In addition, special thanks to the government of the USA for offering equipment and supplies to help combating smuggling of strategic , chemical and nuclear materials. The latest of these was Four Mitsubishi L200 Double Cab pick up trucks Include a camper shell over the truck bed , 5-speed transmission , 4 wheel drive , and 2.8 litter 4 cylinder engine with up grades CT-30 kits Including Fiber-optic Scope, Buster Density Meter , Laser distance measuring device and inspection mirror. These equipments helped enhance capabilities of Customs in relation to boarder-protection and fight against smuggling.

WHERE ARE WE NOW

- ✚ There is a program applied in the EU that contains a list of controlled goods (the EU list) which was presented to the government of Jordan for purposes of feedback.

- ✚ Committees were formed in this regard on the level of ministries and institutions and relevant agencies, the coordinator of these committees is the ministry of trade and industry.
- ✚ On 12/12/2006, a workshop in the royal scientific association was held in coordination with the center of cooperative surveillance with support from the U.S export and border related security. The representatives of the Jordan customs were Mr. Abdulkarim AlMugrabi, Mahmoud Al Rashdan, and Feras al Momani.
- ✚ The committees decided to a credit the EU list of controlled goods.
- ✚ the letter of his Excellency the Minster of trade and industry No3/2/27/2362 dated 23/01/2006, which assigns the discussion of mechanisms of applying the (EU) list through the joint committees of the ministries and relevant agencies.

Next Step

Is to switch into practical apply to (EU LIST) through Committees which was formed in this regard on the level of ministries and institutions and relevant agencies in order to increase efforts to inspect , interdict , investigate and prosecute the illegal procurement and movement of weapons of mass destruction and strategic technology.