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Thematic discussion on Post Shipment Controls

*Opportunities and challenges of
operationalising Post Shipment Controls*

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1) Background and introduction of Post-shipment Verification (PSV)

- Three cases of unauthorised re-exports
 - Intense discussion within Swiss politics and broad public
 - PSV as a systematic tool
 - Politics welcoming, Industry sceptical
- Establishing legal basis, scope and systematic approach of PSV
- Introduction of PSV with a two-year trial phase





2) Preparation and execution of PSV

Opportunities and challenges of preparation

- Involvement of embassies and defence attachés
- Communication/cooperation between importing and exporting state
- PSV = confidence-building measure
- Preparation phase: time consuming
- Flexibility

Opportunities and challenges of execution

- Goal: physical verification of 100%
- Finding solutions on site if not 100%
- Distribution and potential publication of PSV report





3) Conclusion

- Since 2013 ~ 50 PSV conducted (most successful)
- PSV useful
 - Impressions on-site and personal contact
 - Enhances mutual trust
- Industrial and political feedback positive
- Challenges: Preparation and logistics on site
- Two officials sufficient (PSV 5-10 p.a.)





Thank you for your attention !

