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Introduction of Post-Shipment-Controls into German Arms Export Control Policy

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Overview

- Introduction and Evaluation Phase
- Key Findings
- Potential and Outlook
- (Discussion)

Introduction into the German Arms Export Control Regime

- 2015: *Key Points for the Introduction of Post-Shipment-Controls for German Arms Exports*
- Objective: **Continued good-faith cooperation and verification at the post-delivery stage of arms exports**
- Official policy, minor legislative adjustments
- No major change to the existing legal set-up necessary
- Permission for on-site verification measure is granted in EUC

Evaluation and Key Findings

- 2017: Kickoff of evaluation-phase, focus on SALW in Non-EU-/NATO/-equivalent-countries
- On-site verification measures of SALW in: India, UAE, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brazil, Jordan, Trinidad und Tobago and Oman;
2021: Virtual kickoff of control-measure in Mexico
- In all instances: good-faith cooperation; no infractions detected

Evaluation and Key Findings

- 2021: German government's evaluation report submitted to parliament
- Focus on military items with high diversion risk (particularly SALWs)
- End-Use destinations in Non-EU-/NATO-/equivalent-countries
- Infractions are dealt with on a case-by-case basis

Potential and Outlook

- Tried and tested: “Post-Shipment-Controls“ will become a permanent fixture in German arms export control policy
- Essential to grasp instrument not simply as a one-sided control but
 - A mutually agreed-upon confidence-building measure of ex- and importing state that *increases transparency and accountability* at the post-delivery stage of arms exports ***in both countries***
 - I.e. a joint demonstration and commitment against diversion

Potential and Outlook

- “Expansion“ of Post-Shipment-Controls already agreed in coalition treaty of new government
- Will likely be integrated into new legislation on arms export control

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