The Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) Program

United States Department of State
Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation
Office of Export Control Cooperation
The EXBS Program
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Created in the early 1990s to:

- Assist foreign governments in bringing export control systems up to international standards;
- Establish capabilities to detect, interdict, investigate, and prosecute illicit transfers of WMD, WMD-related materials, and conventional weapons;
- Exchange information about export control and border security “best practices”;
- Support national efforts to fulfill UNSCR 1540 requirements.

EXBS Training along the borders of Afghanistan and Tajikistan.
The EXBS Program:

- Funded and managed by the U.S. Department of State
- Has sponsored bilateral and regional cooperative efforts worth nearly $400 million including:
  - Over 1,472 technical exchanges and workshops
  - $216.5M of inspection and interdiction equipment
  - Regional Conferences and Seminars

Interdiction Equipment Donation to Customs Officials
The EXBS Program at Work

EXBS is active in over 60 countries with 25 resident advisors around the world

Partner Countries:
3. Algeria 20. Libya 37. Saudi Arabia
6. Azerbaijan 23. Kyrgyzstan 40. South Korea
8. Bosnia-Herzegovina 25. Macedonia 42. Taiwan
9. Brazil 26. Malaysia 43. Tajikistan
10. Cambodia 27. Mexico 44. Thailand
11. Chile 28. Moldova 45. Tunisia
12. Croatia 29. Mongolia 46. Turkey
13. Egypt 30. Montenegro 47. Turkmenistan
15. India 32. Oman 49. Ukraine
16. Indonesia 33. Pakistan 50. Vietnam
17. Iraq 34. Panama 51. Yemen

Graduated Countries:
1. Bulgaria
2. Cyprus
3. Czech Republic
4. Estonia
5. Hungary
6. Latvia
7. Lithuania
8. Malta
9. Poland
10. Romania
11. Slovakia
12. Slovenia
The EXBS program is implemented by drawing on the expertise of international and non-governmental organizations, foreign governments, the private sector, and U.S. Government Agencies, including:

- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
  - Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
  - Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
  - U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- U.S. Department of Justice
EXBS works on establishing and strengthening “five pillars” of export control/border security:

- Comprehensive Legal/Regulatory Frameworks
- Effective Licensing Procedures and Practices
- Enforcement Techniques and Equipment
- Government Outreach to Industry
- Interagency Coordination
EXBS supports workshops and exchanges that facilitate drafting, adoption, and implementation of strong, comprehensive export control laws and regulations, including:

- Basic Legal/Regulatory Workshop
- Implementing Regulations Workshop
- Model Law Workshop
- Legislative Outreach Workshop
Countries that have recently instituted new export control laws or regulations, or have strengthened existing laws and regulations include:

- Philippines
- Thailand
- Vietnam
- Mexico
- India
- Pakistan
EXBS gives licensing officers the capacity to make well-informed decisions about which licenses to approve, through activities including:

• National Control List Workshop
• ASCOT (Analysis and Strategic Commodity Transfers)
• Brokering Workshop
• End/Use End/User Workshop
The following countries have adopted or are working to adopt national control lists:

- Singapore
- UAE
- Philippines
- Mexico
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Tracker Automated Export Control Licensing System:
• Deployed to 19 countries
• Tracker 7.0 released in December 2009
• www.trackernet.org
EXBS works with Enforcement Agencies to:

- Modernize border crossing points, and
- Address basic and advanced customs and border enforcement techniques through:
  - Commodity Identification Workshop and e-Commodity Identification (e-CIT) Techniques
  - Land, Sea, Air, and Rail Interdiction Techniques
  - Targeting and Risk Management Workshop
  - Investigatory Techniques
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Nonintrusive Inspection Equipment Techniques

International Air Cargo Interdiction Techniques
EXBS has provided state of the art imaging and advanced x-ray screening systems to countries to detect and interdict contraband:

- Backscatter vans
- Vehicle and Cargo Inspection Systems (VACIS)
- Pass-through x-ray systems
EXBS provides advanced radiation detection and identification capabilities coupled with first-responders and incident response training:

- Installed or upgraded radiation portal monitors at key land crossings and sea ports in 8 countries
- Developed training courses with the VINCA Institute in Serbia on nuclear and chemical materials smuggling for customs and police officers in the region
Success Stories:

• Several scrap metal shipments turned back at the borders by Serbian and Macedonian Customs due to excessive radiation levels (2007 & 2008)
  • EXBS-provided Radiation Pagers alarmed, Customs officers stopped the shipments, isolated them and called in the experts

• Chemical shipment to Iran stopped by Macedonian Customs (June 2008)
  • Manifest stated diesel fuel – viewed as suspicious
  • Customs inspection determined truck contained a toxic chemical
  • Customs isolated the vehicle, consulted with experts in Skopje and the U.S., then returned the shipment
Success Stories:
Kosovo Customs intercepted ammunition smuggling (August 2009)

- Stopped suspicious car at the Vermica border crossing with Albania
- Used EXBS-donated fiberscope and EXBS-trained inspection techniques
- Search turned up 45 packs of ammunition in a hidden compartment under the back seat
- Customs officers turned over passenger and driver to Kosovo Border Police who arrested and detained them
Success Stories:

Inspection and detection equipment and training has led to numerous interdictions and improved contraband seizure rates significantly.

- Serbian Customs officers employed EXBS-donated inspection equipment and techniques to stop and search a cargo truck, resulting in the seizure of over 160 kg of heroin. This was the largest drug seizure in the history of Serbian Customs.

- Macedonian Customs confiscated 882 pounds of cocaine using EXBS-provided x-ray vans. Valued at over 50 million Euros, the seizure was the largest in Macedonian history.
Improving Control over Green Borders:

- Provided equipment to develop mobile border teams in Eastern Europe and the Balkans
- Deploying modular buildings along borders between crossing points in Central Asia.
- Deployed border monitoring sensors in numerous partner countries
- Delivered cargo scanning equipment, heavy-duty cranes, and forklifts to various Afghan border crossing points
Government Industry Outreach:

- Government Industry Relations Forum
- Internal Compliance Program (ICP)
- Survey of Industries/Producers of Strategic and Dual Use Goods
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Export Control Resources Available Online Soon

Welcome to the Industry Outreach Compliance (IOC) Web-Based Course. This course was developed as part of the U.S. Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) IOC program and is designed for government export enforcement personnel who are interested in developing or enhancing their own program.
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Recent EXBS program-sponsored multilateral events:

• Tenth International Export Control Conference, June 2009, Turkey
• South Asia 1540 Workshop, June 2009, Sri Lanka
• Tracker Best Practices Conference, May 2009, Poland
• MANPADS Controls Seminar, April 2009, Morocco
• UN Regional 1540 Workshop, March 2009, Qatar
• OSCE Mediterranean Partners Seminar on MANPADS, October 2008, Vienna
• OAS 1540 Workshop, May 2008, Argentina
• International Transshipment Conference, May, 2008, Morocco
• Caribbean Community Seminar on Small Arms/Light Weapons, December 2007, The Bahamas
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Looking Towards the Future:

• Promote sustainability, including through:
  • Development of customs academy curriculums and
  • Train-the-trainer training

• International coordination on UNSCR 1540:
  • Work with other governments on third country outreach
  • Conduct/support UN-led regional 1540 workshops

• Encourage regional cooperation
• Strengthen interagency coordination
Contact the EXBS Program:

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http://www.state.gov/t/isn/ecc/index.htm

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Thank You.

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