



STRATEGIC TRADE MANAGEMENT ACT PHILIPPINES RATIFICATION PROCESS

ARMS TRADE TREATY | 18 March 2026



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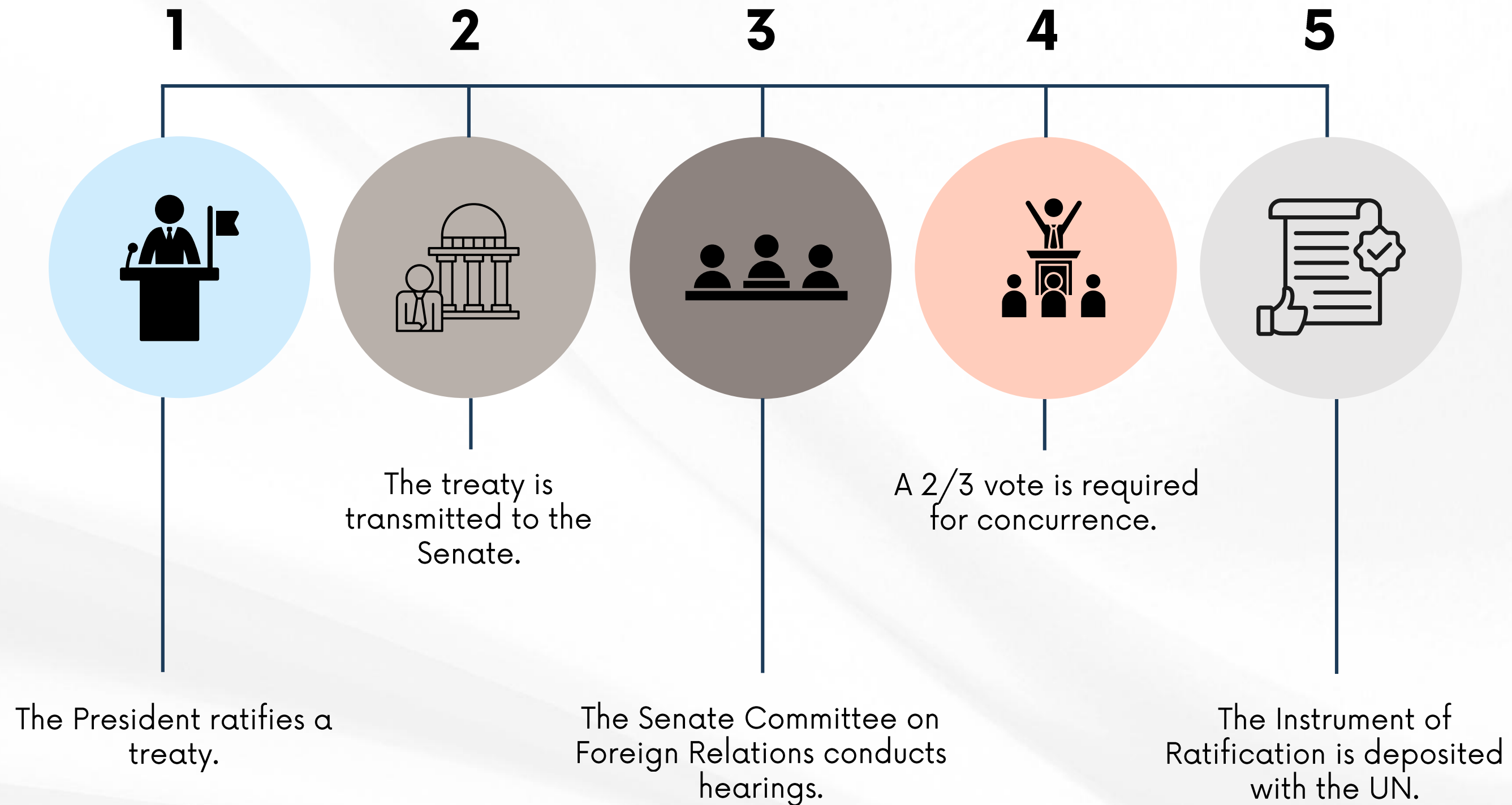
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RATIFICATION PROCESS



LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR TREATY RATIFICATION



TIMELINE

25 September 2013

The Philippines signed the ATT
24 December 2014, ATT signs into force

02 September 2021

Senate hearings conducted

24 March 2022

Instrument deposited with the UN



29 December 2016

President ratified the ATT

26 January 2022

Senate Resolution No. 960 concurred (16 votes)

AGENCIES INVOLVED



Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)



Bureau of Customs (BOC)



Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)



Department of Justice (DOJ)



Department of National Defense (DND)



Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)



Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)



Office of Special Envoy on Transnational Crime (OSETC)



Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)



Philippine National Police (PNP)

CIVIL SOCIETY AND INDUSTRY



- Engaged during public consultations
- Addressed compliance concerns
- Clarified misconceptions on reporting obligations

RATIFICATION CHALLENGES

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Legislative timing

The Senate has a three-year electoral cycle. With each new Congress, documentation and endorsements must often be resubmitted

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Legal harmonization

Ensuring existing laws were consistent with ATT obligations.

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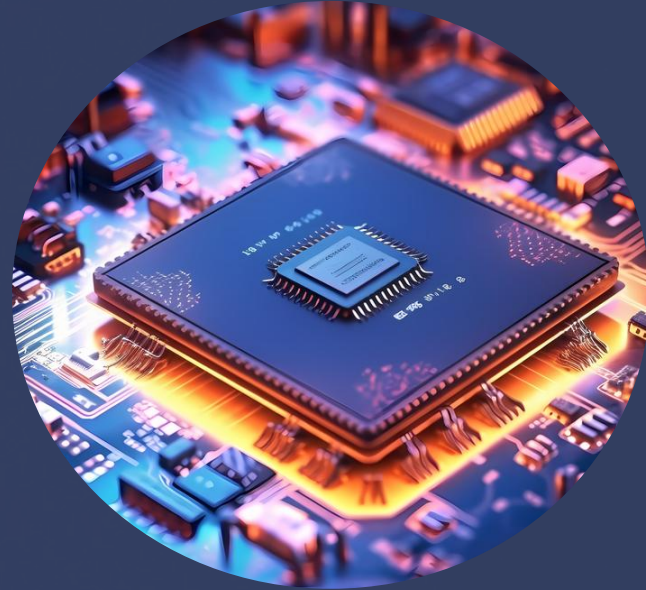
Industry concerns

- Perceived increase in bureaucratic burden
- Misconceptions about data privacy and civilian firearm ownership
- Concerns about risk assessment requirements

IMPLEMENTATION



KEY LEGISLATIONS



STRATEGIC TRADE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2015 (RA No. 10697)

Covers strategic goods,
including military items
and conventional arms
listed under ATT.



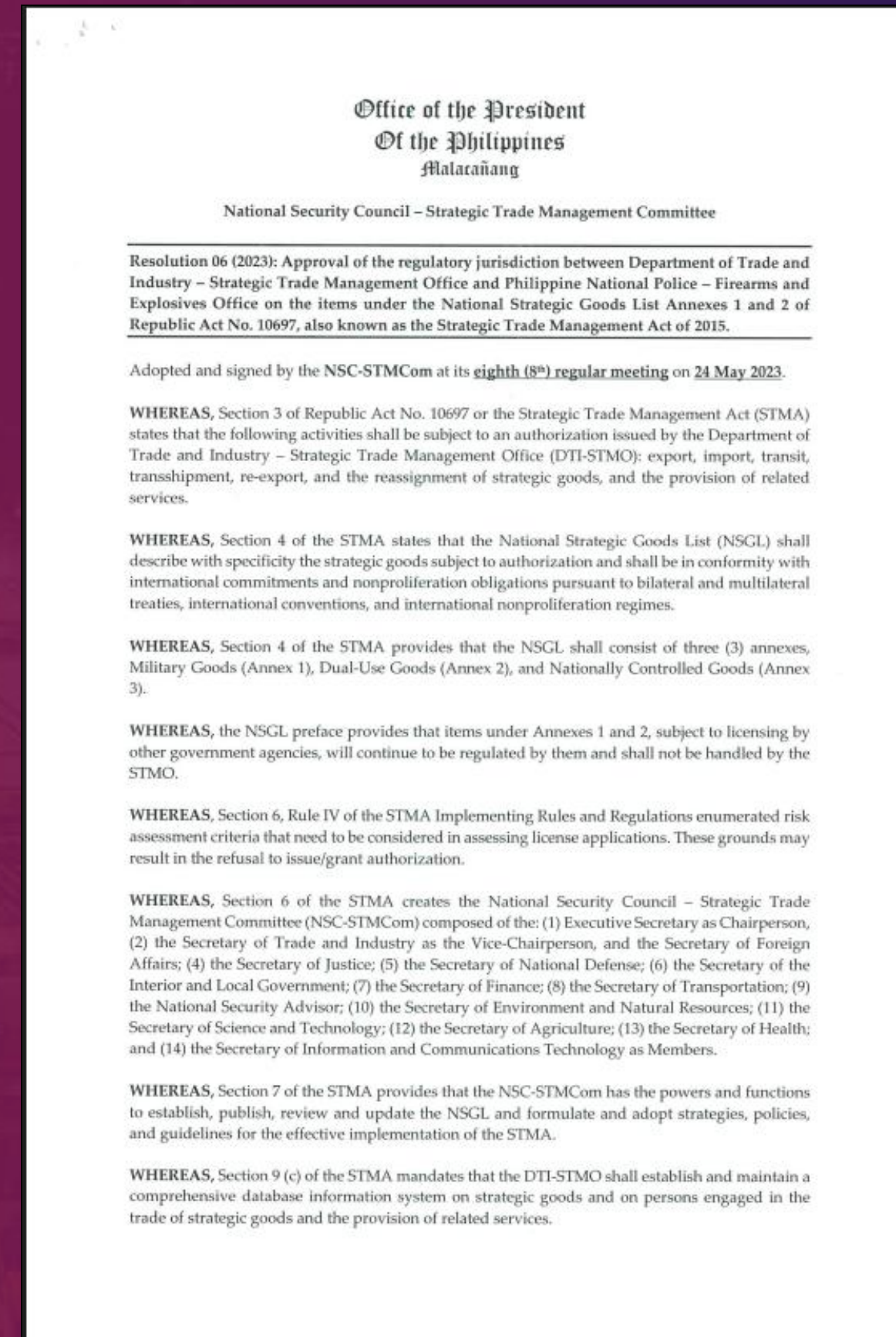
COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT (RA No. 10591)

Governs small arms and
light weapons (SALW),
parts, components, and
ammunition.



INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

To prevent overlaps, the NSC-STMCom issued Resolution No. 06 (2023) to clarify the regulatory jurisdiction of DTI-STMO and PNP-FEO.



SYSTEM FEATURES FOR SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

- ML 1 Smooth-bore weapons with a caliber of less than 20 mm
- ML 2 Smooth-bore weapons with a caliber of 20 mm or more
- ML 3 Ammunition and fuze setting devices
- ML 4 Bombs, torpedoes, rockets, missiles, other explosive devices
- ML 5 Fire control, and related alerting and warning equipment
- ML 6 Ground vehicles
- ML 7 Chemical or biological toxic agents, 'riot controls', radioactive materials
- ML 8 Energetic materials (explosives)
- ML 9 Vessels of war (surface or underwater)
- ML 10 Aircraft, 'lighter-than-air vehicles', Unmanned Aerial Vehicles ('UAVs')
- ML 11 Electronic equipment, 'spacecraft' and components, not specified elsewhere
- ML 12 High velocity kinetic energy weapon systems
- ML 13 Armoured or protective equipment
- ML 14 'Specialised equipment for military training' or for simulating military scenarios
- ML 15 Imaging or countermeasure equipment
- ML 16 Forgings, casting, and other unfinished products, specially designed for ML
- ML 17 Miscellaneous equipment, materials and 'libraries'
- ML 18 Production equipment and components
- ML 19 Directed Energy Weapon systems, related or countermeasure equipment
- ML 20 Cryogenic and 'superconductive' equipment
- ML 21 Software
- ML 22 Technology

PNP - FEO

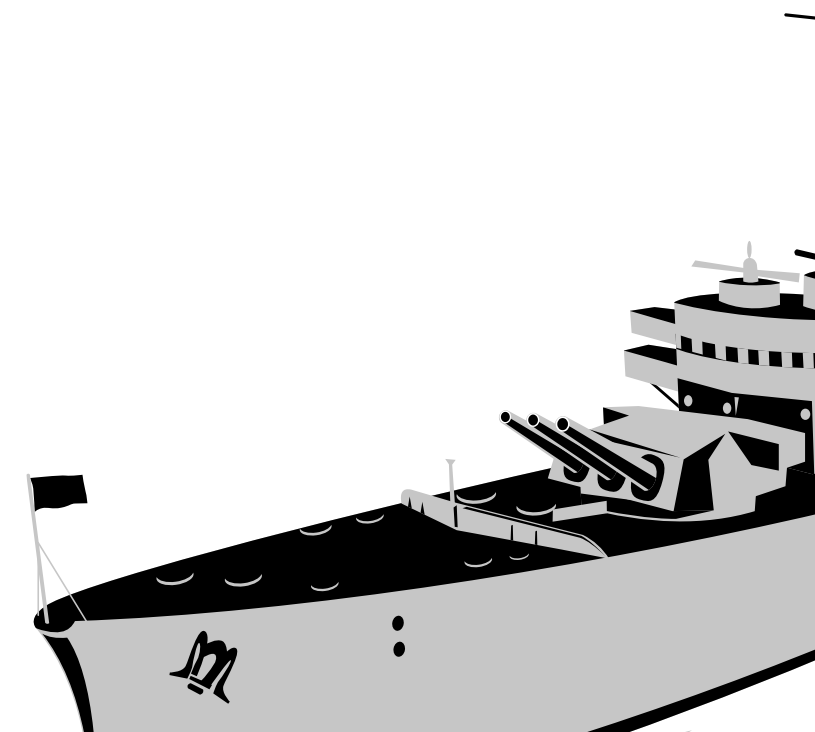
- (h) Small arms and light weapons
- (c) Large caliber artillery system

PNP-FEO & STMO

- (g) Missile

STMO

- (a) Battle tanks
- (b) Armoured combat vehicles
- (f) Warships
- (d) Combat aircraft
- (e) Attack helicopters



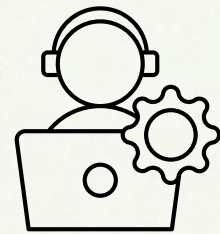
INTERAGENCY MECHANISM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL – STRATEGIC TRADE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



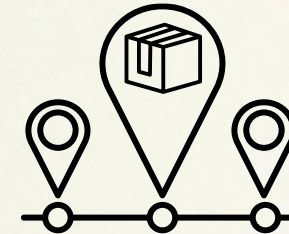
INTERAGENCY MECHANISM

SUBCOMMITTEES



TECHNICAL REACHBACK

Classifying and reviewing strategic goods through technical assessments, laboratory testing, and expert consultation.



TRADE FACILITATION

Supports the STMO in addressing bureaucratic bottlenecks by establishing effective communication channels, license verification at the borders, and risk management mechanisms.



RISK ASSESSMENT

The SCRA plays a critical role in supporting the implementation of the STMA through risk evaluation and interagency coordination.



ENFORCEMENT

Provides operational support to investigations, strengthens intelligence sharing and inter-agency coordination, and develops enforcement protocols to ensure compliance with the STMA.



International Cooperation



CAPACITY BUILDING



**TECHNICAL TRAINING ON LICENSING,
RISK ASSESSMENT, AND RISK MITIGATION**



EXCHANGE OF LEGISLATIVE PRACTICES



CONFIDENCE-BUILDING AMONG INSTITUTIONS

International Cooperation



PROJECTS UNDER THE ATT-VTF

- Enhancing Cooperation and Partnership as a Pathway for Arms Trade Treaty Universalization and Capacity Building (ongoing)
- Developing and Implementing a Training Course on Licensing, Investigation and Enforcement Policies and Procedures on Conventional Weapons (2017)

PROJECTS UNDER THE EU P2P

- EUP2P ATT OP II Workshop on “Case Scenarios on the Coordination of Licensing, Enforcement and Investigation” in the Philippines, supported by Expertise France and in cooperation with the OSETC
- EU P2P ATT OP II Study Visit for the Philippines to the Rotterdam Port, supported by Expertise France and the Dutch Customs, and in cooperation with OSETC



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