‘Post-shipment On-site Inspections: Multilateral Steps for Debating and Enabling Their Adoption and Use’

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- Challenges attached to introducing, planning and conducting post-shipment on-site inspection
- Variety of national approaches
- Post-shipment on-site inspection as one of several post-shipment measures to prevent diversion
- What role for multilateral fora and the ATT specifically?
Discussing on post-shipment on-site inspections: what role for the ATT?

- SIPRI Policy Paper: “Post-shipment On-site Inspections: Multilateral Steps for Debating and Enabling Their Adoption and Use”
- Exploring the potential of multilateral fora to discuss issues related to on-site inspections as post-shipment control measure
- Steps and recommendations to enable such discussion: what is relevant for the ATT?
Adopt common language

- Variety of terms referring to post-shipment on-site inspections which creates confusion
- Discrepancies in meaning attached to these terms
- Need for a terminology building trust, confidence, cooperative relationships (e.g. ‘in-country checks’)
- Broaden language discussion to capture wide range of post-shipment control measures
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Non-exhaustive list of post-shipment control measures:

▪ Requiring and receiving delivery verification certificates (DVCs)

▪ Monitoring open-source media for reports of diversion.

▪ Collecting information through national embassies abroad on reports of diversion.

▪ Requiring/requesting that the exporting company report suspected or confirmed cases of diversion.

▪ In-country checks of some/all of the exported military materiel conducted in cooperation with the importing state.

▪ Joint physical security and stockpile management (PSSM) exercises conducted in cooperation with the importing state.
Information sharing about policies and practices

- Substantive exchange of views on the use and value of post-shipment on-site inspections and other post-shipment measures
  - Within Sub-working group on Article 11
  - Support from research organizations/civil society through table-top exercises
  - **Goal**: enable a more comprehensive discussion on measures available and when inspections are appropriate

- Potential role of the DIEF to share more sensitive information
Build links with PSSM

- Post-shipment on-site inspections as an opportunity to initiate a dialogue on PSSM standards

- Lesson learned from implementation of PSSM assistance

- ATT as a forum to build bridges between export control and PSSM assistance communities:
  - Building PSSM assistance measures into post-shipment control measures
  - Explore how PSSM standards can inform post-shipment control measures
Useful links:

- SIPRI’s website

- Relevant publications