



**INSPECTORATE OF
STRATEGIC PRODUCTS**

Export Control of Military Equipment

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Sweden in an international export control context

- Manufacturer, exporter and importer
- Average yearly export – 10 BSEK
- Wide range of defence equipment (limited SALW export)
- "Medium sized" export control organization
- Appr. 1500 export cases per year (mil.)
- Around 40 persons directly involved in export control (including dual-use)

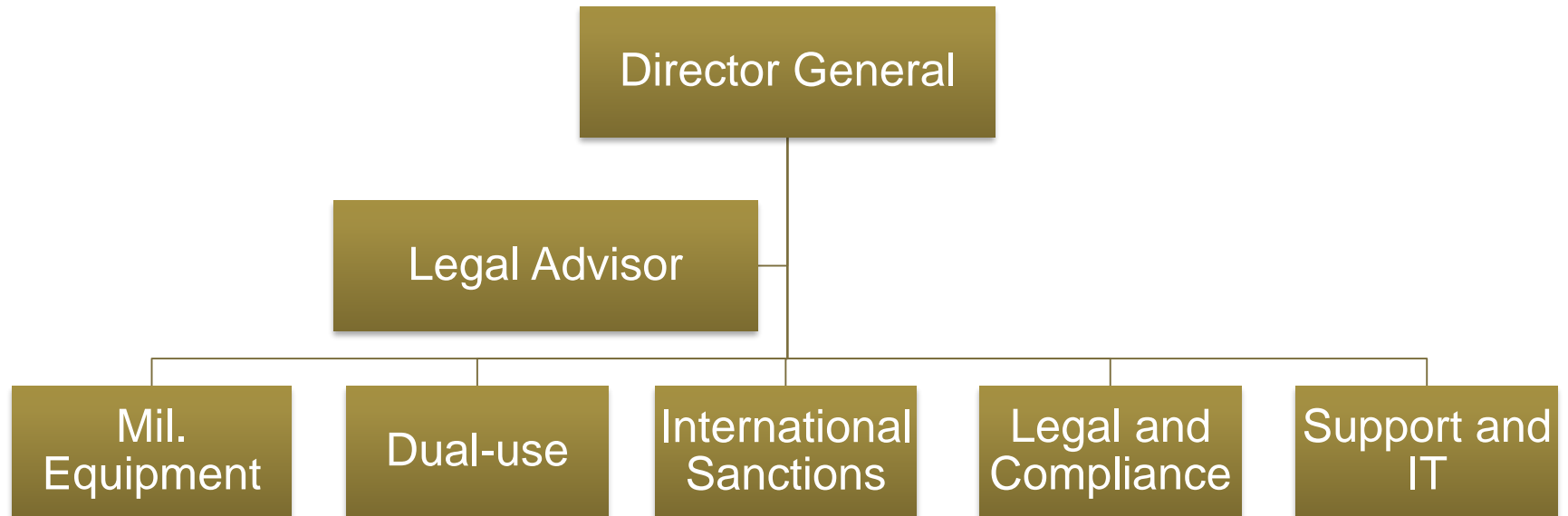
Inspectorate of Strategic Products (ISP)

- An independent administrative authority outside of the government
- Civil servants – not politically appointed
- Established in 1996
- Budget 43 MSEK

Division of responsibility

- Government (MFA) :
 - Policy
 - Legislation
 - Budget
- ISP:
 - Decision making
 - Licensing
 - Enforcement

ISP organization



Military Equipment Section



Legislation

- National legislation:
 - Law
 - Ordinance
- National and international assessment criteria:
 - National guidelines
 - EU Common Position
 - Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)

The Law on War Materiel

- License required to:
 - Manufacture
 - Supply (broker)
 - Export
 - Enter into international agreements
- Information provided regarding:
 - Marketing
 - Tender
 - Actual deliveries (statistics)

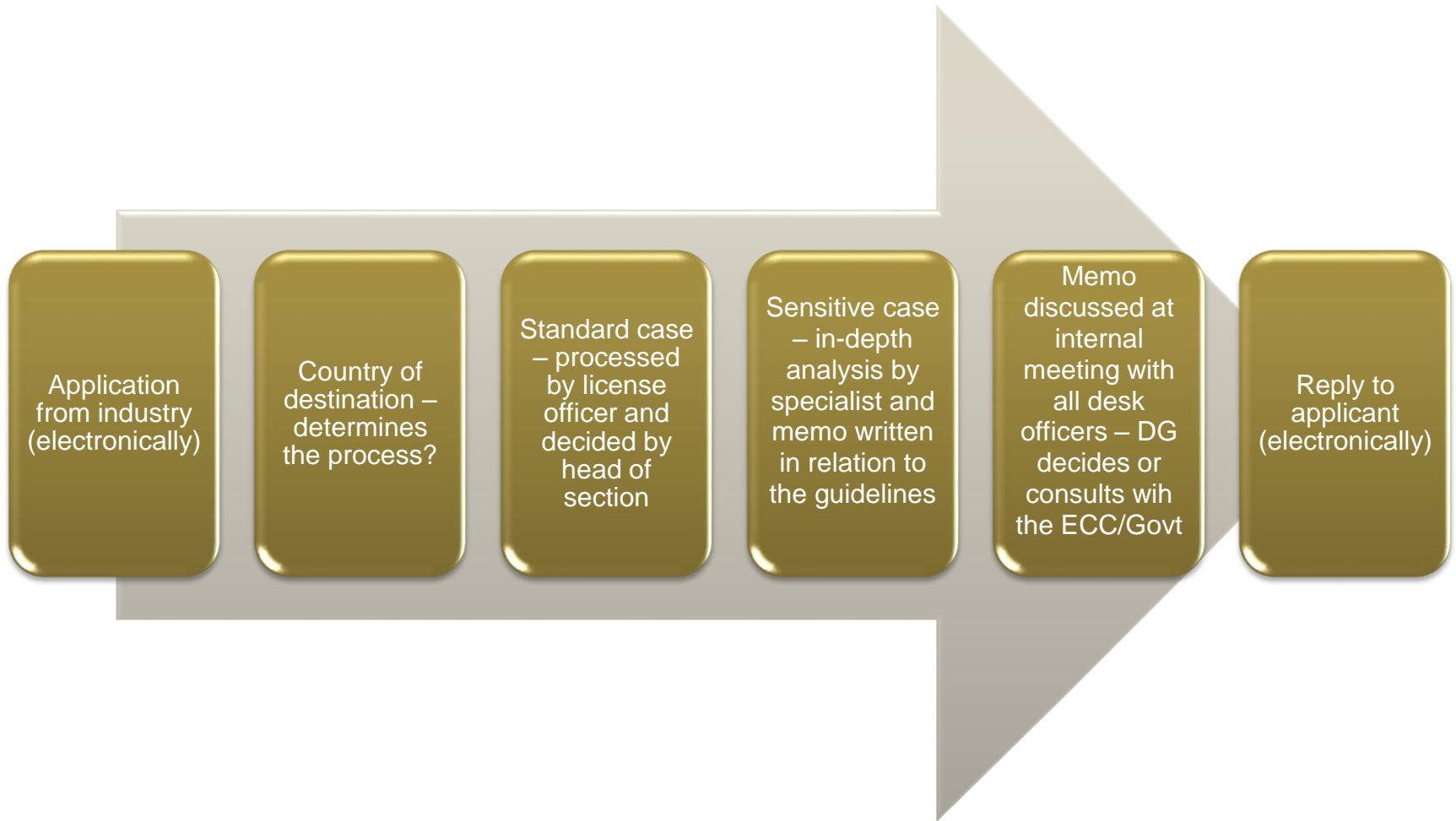
Exports assessed against three sets of guidelines



Comparison between the three sets of guidelines

- Several commonalities (arms embargoes, human rights, end-user certificates)
- Differences:
 - Structure (check-list vs overall assessment)
 - Materiel specific vs general country assessment
 - Material scope
 - Assessment of IHL-violations
 - Gender based violence

Decision-making process



Assessment – general approach

- Combination country/materiel
- Limited resources – focus on sensitive cases
- Limited resources – focus on criteria of concern
- Avoid information gaps (products, end-user, route)
- Combine different information sources
- End-user certificate
- What type of knowledge/understanding is required?

Example of aspects raised in memo

- Proposed export, type of materiel, end user/consignee
- Export history
- Country analysis
 - Arms embargoes/sanctions? Other international obligations?
 - Conflict situation – today and tomorrow
 - Human rights, IHL
 - Diversion
 - GBV
 - Other: terrorism/transnational organized crime, etc
- EUC and other mitigating measures, e.g. post-shipment verification
- Conclusion with recommendation for decision

Sources of information

- Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Defence
- Intelligence information
- Multilateral export control regimes
- Governmental research institutions
- International orgs (UN reports, EU reports, etc)
- Think-tanks
- Media
- NGO:s

Current issues

- Changing trade patterns – new recipient countries
- International co-operation — who will make the export control assessment?
- Transfer of technology/license production
- Leasing
- New and changing demands on security related export controls