



# A Resource on Strategic Trade Management and Export Controls



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## Transshipment/Transit Controls

Having both the legal authority and capability to deter, identify, and halt any transfer to end-uses or end-users of proliferation concern, even if authorized by another state and only transiting your territory, is imperative if we are to prevent terrorists and states seeking weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and missile-related capabilities from obtaining such weapons. In addition to items of WMD Concern, transshipments of small arms and light weapons must also receive careful scrutiny. Certain countries in the region suffer from drug trafficking and revolutionary insurgencies that look for routes to smuggle illicit arms shipments. Potential transshipments should be reviewed not only by customs officials for entry/exit information, but also by ministries with broad foreign policy and national security responsibilities, including those with technical knowledge of controlled items and the means of evaluating proposed and potential End-Uses and End-Users.

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