

Central American Company Attempts to Acquire AK-47s from European Source

Brokering Transaction (pre-shipment check)

Item:	AK-47 Rifles
End-user:	Central American Military
Foreign Consignee:	Central American Company
Source:	European Company

Reason for Check

- Large Volume of Assault Rifles
- Derogatory Information on European Source

Findings

- Government end-user stated they had no solicitation for AK-47s
- European Government confirmed derogatory information on European source
- Referred to Law Enforcement; Parties added to Watch List

Host Country Requested Reduction of Volume

Export License Application

- Commodity: 300 handguns
- End-user: Central American firearms dealer

Reason for Check (Pre)

- Unfamiliar end-user
- Regional concerns

Findings

- Verified bona fides of end-user
- Host government requested reduction in authorized quantity due to high incidence of lost/stolen firearms involved in recent crime wave

Unauthorized/Illicit Re-export

Export License Application

- Commodity: Military-grade Assault Rifles
- End-user: Former Soviet Republic - Armed Forces

Reason for Check (Post):

- Indications that rifles had been re-exported to a third country without USG authorization

Findings:

- Ministry of Defense (end-user) did not have records of re-export and could not fully account for weapons by serial numbers. Insufficient inventory controls.
- Rifles originally exported to former USSR country for use by armed forces were illegally re-exported and in possession of private end-users in Central America.

Questionable Reliability

Export License Application

- Item: Firearms
- End-user: Private Reseller in a South Asian country

Reason for Check

- Unfamiliar end-user. Need to establish bona fides.

Findings

- Company was a licensed dealer and cooperative with check.
- However, post was unable to establish who firearms were ultimately sold to, substandard physical security, and apparent manufacture of unlicensed replicas.

Unreliable Entity Importing Under New Name

Export License Application

- Item/End-Use: Small arms ammunition
- End-user: Central American Firearms Dealer

Reason for Check

- Unfamiliar end-user
- Regional concerns

Findings

- Owners of firearms dealership were subject to local law enforcement sanctions due to non-compliance of previous business venture
- End-user is not a reliable recipient of United States Munitions List items

Unable to Verify End-User

Export License Application

- Item: Firearms and ammunition
- End-user: Central American firearms dealer

Reason for Check

- Unfamiliar end-user
- Regional concerns

Findings

- Unable to determine the exact ownership of firearms dealership
- Affiliates of end-user operated store-front gun shop in which third-country nationals had significant influence

Receipt of Goods Could Not Be Confirmed

Export License Application

- Item: 305 smoke pistols for riot control
- Consignee: Western European company
- End-user: West African national police

Reason for Check (Post)

- Concerns about foreign consignee
- Sensitive commodity

Findings

- End-user could not confirm receipt
- Consignee placed on Watch List
- Future requests involving end-user or consignee subject to pre-license and/or post-shipment checks