

Argentina

Decree 603 of 09-04-92, as amended by Decree 1291 of 24-06-93 and Ministry of Defence Resolution 125/98 of 22-01-98

Article 1. Control of sensitive exports and weaponry will be governed by the provisions of this decree.

Article 5. The "National Control Commission for Sensitive Exports and Weaponry" will evaluate on a case-by-case basis requests for a Prior Export Licence, and will make a decision, having regard to the Republic's firm commitment to the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, relevant international considerations and the specific conditions laid down in the articles which follow.

Article 13. The chemical substances, most of which are called precursors, which can be used to produce chemical or bacteriological weapons, will be included in Annex B of this decree.

Article 14. In accordance with article 3 of this decree, exports, re-exports or transfers of the chemical substances included in Annex B which could be used to produce chemical and/or bacteriological weapons will be subject to export licenses. As a general rule, the export, re-export or transfer of these substances will not be permitted if there is a presumption that they are intended for use in producing weapons of mass destruction.

Article 15. An exporter of materials, equipment, technology, technical assistance and/or services relating to nuclear, chemical, bacteriological or missile activities which are not included in this decree or in its Annexes will also be required to obtain a Prior Export Licence when it is known or suspected that they will be used in projects or activities related to weapons of mass destruction.

Article 16. The Executive Authority will not authorise the direct or indirect participation of officials or staff employed by the Government in third country projects or activities contrary to the purposes of this decree.

Article 20. The Argentine Republic will coordinate its policies with other States supplying materials to which this decree refers, in order to contribute to establishing an effective international control system for exports associated with weapons of destruction.

Article 21. The Executive Authority will periodically update the lists in Annexes A and B to this decree, in accordance with international criteria.

Article 22. The Executive Authority will report regularly to the National Congress on applications for exports of sensitive items and of weaponry, and on licences which have been granted or refused in this respect.