

Democratic Republic of the Congo Policy Up-Date

DDTC intends to publish a final rule modifying the existing policy regarding the Democratic Republic of the Congo arms embargo. On March 31, 2008, the United Nations Security Council adopted resolution 1807, which modified existing Democratic Republic of the Congo arms embargo. The United Nations Security Council adopted resolution 1857 on December 22, 2008, and resolution 1896 on November 30, 2009, which renewed the terms of the modified arms embargo in resolution 1807. Certain exceptions to the arms embargo were set out in resolution 1807.

It is the policy of the United States to deny licenses, other approvals, exports or imports of defense articles and defense services destined for or originating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo except for:

- (A) supply, sale or transfer of arms and related materiel, and the provision of any assistance, advice or training related to military activities to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo as notified in advance to the Committee of the Security Council concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- (B) supplies of arms and related material as well as technical training and assistance intended solely for the support of or use by the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC);
- (C) temporary export for personal use only, of protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets by United Nations personnel, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel; and
- (D) non-lethal military equipment solely for humanitarian or protective use, and related technical assistance and training as notified in advance to the Committee of the Security Council concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo.