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# **SECURITY ASSISTANCE COMMUNITY**

## **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

### **DEFENSE TRADE ADVISORY GROUP**

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### **BACKGROUND**

In February 1992, the Department of State's Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs established the Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG). This action was announced to the public in an April 2, 1992 Federal Register notice. The DTAG was established under the authority of Title 22 of the United States Code, and is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., App. 1).

The DTAG gives government officials, defense industry representatives, academics, and others with defense trade expertise a formal channel through which to consult regularly on defense trade issues, including U.S. law, regulations, and policies governing munitions exports. This advisory group helps the department assess increasingly complex regulatory and policy issues with important implications for U.S. national security and foreign policy objectives.

The DTAG Charter and Terms of Reference guide the committee's operations. The State Department's Politico-Military Affairs Bureau's Center for Defense Trade (PM/CDT) manages these operations through the Office of Defense Trade Policy (PM/DTP). The Executive Secretariat, which resides in PM/DTP, provides administrative support for the DTAG officers and serves as a contact point for public inquiries.

### **ORGANIZATION OF THE DTAG**

**Officers:** The Assistant Secretary of State for Politico-Military Affairs (PM) appoints the DTAG Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Executive Secretariat. They serve two-year terms, but may be reappointed at the discretion of the Assistant Secretary for Politico-Military Affairs.

The following are the DTAG officers and their affiliations for 1992-1994.

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**Plenary and Working Group Meetings.** Although the DTAG will at times meet in plenary session, much of the substantive work will be done within its three Working Groups. Plenary meetings will be used to impart information useful to all the members, such as important development affecting defense trade, work completed by the Working Groups, and future directions for the committee. The DTAG met for the first time on July 10, 1992, in plenary session. All DTAG meetings will be announced in the *Federal Register* at least fifteen days before they occur.

Each Working Group will be tasked with specific projects. Although the DTAG Chair is responsible for setting meeting agendas, suggestions may come from the DTAG Secretariat, Working Group Chairpersons, and members. The agenda for each working Group is currently under discussion.

- Policy Working Group (PWG): Considers broad issues of defense trade, technology transfer, and commercial arms sales.
- Regulatory Working Group (RWG): Focuses on regulations and licensing procedures governing defense trade.
- Technical Working Group (TWG): Deals with technical issues related to the U.S. Munitions List (USML).

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In addition to these three Working Groups, the DTAG Chairperson may establish or disband formal or information Subgroups as he deems appropriate for carrying out the Work Plan of the DTAG.

**Membership.** The DTAG selection committee, consisting of PM/CDT staff and impartial reviewers, sought a broad and balanced membership among defense trade experts in the private sector, trade associations, policy institutions, and academia.

Forty-six members were selected for a two-year period (1992-94) from over one hundred applications, ranking each nominee on his foreign policy and/or trade expertise, familiarity with defense trade regulations, and publications.

Members were selected based on their individual credentials and qualifications, and not because of the firms they represent. Thus, alternates are not permitted. DTAG members serve for a consecutive two-year period which may be renewed at the discretion of the Chairperson.

As the work of the DTAG becomes more defined, new members may be added. Any interested persons wishing to serve on the State Department Defense Trade Advisory Group must submit a statement of interest, including reasons for application, and a complete professional biography or resume to the DTAG Secretariat.

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**Wide Participation Encouraged.** The Defense Trade Advisory Group may solicit and will receive oral and written presentations by parties not directly represented by a DTAG member, when such presentations would contribute to DTAG deliberation. To this end, the DTAG, as a public advisory committee, welcomes advice from all interested persons. Whether it be directly or through DTAG members, all parties involved in defense trade are encourage to submit their thoughts and suggestions.

Any substantive comments, such as proposed topics for the DTAG Work Plan, should be directed to the appropriate DTAG Working Group chair. Other questions, including requests for DTAG membership lists, materials distributed at meetings, and minutes, can be directed to the DTAG Secretariat.

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