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Foreword

The 2019–2020 high school debate topic is: “Resolved: The United States Federal Government Should Substantially Reduce Direct Commercial Sales and/or Foreign Military Sales of Arms from the United States.”

In compliance with 44 U.S.C., Section 1333, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and the Researcher and Reference Services Division of the Library of Congress prepared this bibliography to assist high school debaters in researching this topic. This bibliography is intended to assist debaters in the identification of references and resources on the subject. In selecting items for inclusion in this bibliography, the Library of Congress has sampled a wide spectrum of opinions reflected in the current literature on this topic. No preference for any policy is indicated by the selection or positioning of articles, books, or websites cited, nor is the Library’s disapproval of any policy, position, or article to be inferred from its omission.

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We wish the best to each debater as they research, prepare, and present arguments on this year’s topic.

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Introduction

The 2019-2020 high school debate topic is: “Resolved: The United States Federal Government Should Substantially Reduce Direct Commercial Sales and/or Foreign Military Sales of Arms from the United States.” The topic is selected annually by ballot of the delegates from the National Catholic Forensic League, the National Debate Coaches Association, and the National Speech and Debate Association, all organized under the umbrella organization, the National Federation of State High School Associations.

This selective bibliography, with brief annotations, is intended to assist debaters in identifying resources and references on the national debate topic. It lists citations to journal articles, books, congressional publications, legal cases, and websites. The bibliography is divided into three broad sections: basic concepts and definitions, general overviews, and specific cases.

Summary

The purpose of the bibliography is to provide students with a brief overview of information related to the 2019-2020 high school debate topic.

This compilation is not intended to provide complete coverage of the topic. Further research on the topic may be accomplished at high school, public, and research libraries.

In addition to the resources included in this bibliography, there are many more international organizations, U.S. government agencies, and non-governmental organizations that provide information on the debate topic and sub-topics on their websites. Debaters are encouraged to consult library resources as well as the internet for their research.

Basic Concepts and Definitions

Books

McCallister, Ernest B., ed. *The Management of Security Cooperation*. “Green Book” 39th ed. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH: DISCS, 2019.

Available at

<https://www.discs.dsca.mil/pages/resources/default.aspx?section=publications&type=greenbook>.

This annually revised publication is used by Defense Institute of Security Cooperation Studies to help in understanding the policy, precedent and procedure of security cooperation activities. It is an academic document and should not be construed as representing official policies of the U.S. government. Annex A and Annex B contain abbreviations, acronyms and a glossary of selected terms.

Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. *DOD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms*. Washington, DC: The Joint Staff, 2019.

Available at <https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/pubs/dictionary.pdf>.

The purpose of this dictionary is to standardize terminology so that communication and mutual understanding may be improved between Department of Defense (DOD) agencies, other U.S. government agencies, and U.S. allies. The definition for Foreign Military Sales (FMS) is found on page 89.

Reports

U.S. Department of State. Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. “U.S. Arms Sales and Defense Trade: Fact Sheet.” Last revised May 21, 2019.

Available at <https://www.state.gov/u-s-arms-sales-and-defense-trade/>.

The Department of State’s Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM) oversees most government-to-government arms sales. Under Foreign Military Sales (FMS), PM’s Office of Regional Security and Arms Transfers (PM/RSAT) manages the FMS process in close cooperation with the Department of Defense’s Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA).

U.S. Government Accountability Office. *Foreign Military Sales: Controls Should Be Strengthened to Address Substantial Growth in Overhead Account Balances*, GAO-18-401. May 10, 2018.

Available at <https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-18-401>.

This report describes the growth of the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) administrative account and the FMS contract administration services (CAS) account and recommends changes in account controls to better manage these FMS fee accounts.

Websites

National Defense Industrial Association. “Foreign Military Sales vs Direct Commercial Sales.” Available at <http://www.ndia.org/policy/international/fms-vs-dcs>.

This webpage from the National Defense Industrial Association describes and compares Foreign Military Sales and Direct Commercial Sales.

U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency. “FAQ.”

Available at <https://www.dsca.mil/resources/faq>.

Frequently asked questions about Foreign Military Sales, including a description of the program and comparisons to Direct Commercial Sales.

U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency. "Foreign Military Sales (FMS)."

Available at <https://www.dsca.mil/programs/foreign-military-sales-fms>.

This webpage contains a description of the Foreign Military Sales program, with links to information about related programs.

U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency. "Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Video."

Available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIAghDI_fj0.

A video tutorial of the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) process presented by Lieutenant General (LTG) Charles Hooper. General Hooper is the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DCSA). "Publications."

Available at <https://www.dsca.mil/publications>.

A list of the guides, handbooks, manuals, and videos on the policies and procedures of the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program published by the DCSA.

U.S. Department of State. "Bureau of Political Military Affairs (PM)."

Available at <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-arms-control-and-international-security-affairs/bureau-of-political-military-affairs/>.

The Bureau of Political Military Affairs (PM) provides policy direction in the areas of international security, security assistance, military operations, defense strategy and plans, and defense trade.

U.S. Department of State. "Third Party Transfers and Foreign Military Sales Teams and Functions."

Available at <https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/pm/rsat/c14021.htm>.

This site describes the responsibilities and functions of the Third Party Transfers Team and the Foreign Military Sales Team, and provides links to related topics such as the transfer process and the legal basis for arms transfers.

General Overviews

Selected Legislation, Treaties, and Policy Documents

The following resources give examples of legislation, treaties, and policy documents that have had an impact on arms sale policy. This list is not intended to be comprehensive.

Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, Pub. L. No. 87-195, 22 U.S.C. 2151.

Available at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-75/pdf/STATUTE-75-Pg424-2.pdf>.

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 outlines the basis of the United States' foreign assistance policies and programs. Part II of the law authorizes military assistance to allied countries, including Foreign Military Sales "to any friendly country or international organization."

House Office of the Legislative Counsel. Compilation of the Arms Export Control Act [Pub. L. 90-629, as amended through Pub .L. 115-232]. Sept. 25, 2018.

Available at <https://legcounsel.house.gov/Comps/Arms%20Export%20Control%20Act.pdf>.

The Arms Export Control Act (AECA) of 1976 amended the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and updated the laws regulating Foreign Military Sales. It authorizes the President to control the import and export of defense articles and defense services. It also requires congressional notification for Foreign Military Sales valued over specific amounts. Note: This compilation does not represent the official version of any federal statute. The official version of federal law is found in the United States Statutes at Large and in the United States Code.

International Traffic in Arms Regulations, 22 C.F.R. 120-130.

Available at https://pmdrtc.state.gov/ddtc_public?id=ddtc_public_portal_itar_landing.

The International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) implements the export of defense articles as authorized by the AECA. It covers articles, services, and related technology designated by the U.S. Munitions List.

National Security Presidential Memorandum Regarding U.S. Conventional Arms Transfer Policy. NSPM-10. Apr. 19, 2018.

Available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/national-security-presidential-memorandum-regarding-u-s-conventional-arms-transfer-policy/>.

This National Security Presidential Memorandum updated the Conventional Arms Transfer (CAT) Policy used by the U.S. Department of State to determine if a transfer of arms is consistent with U.S. national and economic security interests.

The United States Munitions List, 22 C.F.R. 121.

Available at https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=2d9e27dcea36669b435fdfeb56c8dd47&mc=true&node=se22.1.121_11&rgn=div8.

The U.S. Munitions List (USML) defines what a defense article or defense service is, as regulated by ITAR.

Articles

Sherzer, Harvey G., Michael T. Janik, and Allen B. Green. "Foreign Military Sales: A Guide to the United States Bureaucracy." *Journal of International Law and Economics* 13, no. 3 (1979): 545-599.

This older article provides an overview of Congress's original intentions in writing the Arms Export Control Act and in changing the laws governing Foreign Military Sales. Note that its description of the process and bureaucracy supporting Foreign Military Sales is now outdated.

Some, Paul. "Trump Administration Looks to Encourage U.S. Arms Sales Abroad Including Drone Exports." *Washington Post*, Apr. 19, 2018.

Available at https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/trump-administration-looks-to-encourage-us-arms-sales-abroad-including-drone-exports/2018/04/19/ea432ac-4409-11e8-baaf-8b3c5a3da888_story.html.

This newspaper article describes Trump Administration policies implemented in 2018 to increase U.S. arms sales to foreign countries.

Stohl, Rachel. "Understanding the Conventional Arms Trade." *AIP Conference Proceedings* 1898, no. 1 (2018).

Available at <https://aip.scitation.org/doi/pdf/10.1063/1.5009220>.

This article provides an overview of international and national-level mechanisms for controlling the conventional arms trade.

Thrall, Trevor and Caroline Dorminey. "A New Framework for Assessing the Risks from U.S. Arms Sales." *War on the Rocks*, June 13, 2018.

Available at <https://warontherocks.com/2018/06/a-new-framework-for-assessing-the-risks-from-u-s-arms-sales/>.

This article discusses risks associated with foreign arms sales and proposes a new "risk index" for use in evaluating potential arms recipients.

Waltz, Susan. "U.S. Small Arms Policy: Having it Both Ways." *World Policy Journal* 24, no. 2 (Summer 2007): 67-80.

Available at <https://read.dukeupress.edu/world-policy-journal/article/24/2/67/100195/U-S-Small-Arms-Policy-Having-It-Both-Ways>.

The author reviews U.S. laws and regulations regarding foreign sales of small arms and argues that there is a gap between the stated policy of accountability and transparency and actual practice.

Reports

Mahanty, Daniel and Annie Shiel. *With Great Power: Modifying U.S. Arms Sales to Reduce Civilian Harm*. Washington, DC: The Center for Civilians in Conflict and the Stimson Center, 2018.

Available at

<https://www.stimson.org/content/great-power-modifying-us-arms-sales-reduce-civilian-harm-0>.

This report provides an overview of existing international and domestic arms sale regulations and proposes changes to existing U.S. laws and policy in order to reduce civilian harm associated with U.S.-sold weapons.

U.S. Library of Congress. Congressional Research Service. *The U.S. Export Control System and the Export Control Reform Initiative*, by Ian F. Fergusson and Paul K. Kerr. R41916.

Available at <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/details?prodcode=R41916>.

This report describes the federal regulations and government agencies involved in the export of sensitive materials and technologies from the United States, including defense articles and services.

Websites

Office of Export Control. Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation. "Overview of U.S. Export Control System."

Available at <https://2009-2017.state.gov/strategictrade/overview/index.htm>.

This site from the Department of State explains the policy goals and building blocks of the U.S. export control system. It outlines the parts of U.S. law related to exports, including the Arms Export Control Act, International Traffic in Arms Regulations, and the U.S. Munitions List.

Request and Procurement Process

Articles

Little, Thomas D. "End-use Monitoring is the Key to Success in Foreign Military Sales." *Army Sustainment Magazine*, Sept.-Oct. 2017.

Available at

https://www.army.mil/article/192447/end_use_monitoring_is_the_key_to_success_in_foreign_military_sales.

This article explains how the United States verifies that arms transferred via Foreign Military Sales and Direct Commercial Sales are not used for purposes which violate the Arms Export Control Act.

Reports

Gilman, Derek, Robert Nichols, Jade C. Totman, Christine Minarich. *Foreign Military Sales and Direct Commercial Sales*. Sept. 30, 2014.

Available at https://www.dsca.mil/sites/default/files/final-fms-dcs_30_sep.pdf.

This report produced for the Defense Security Cooperation Agency provides an overview of the bureaucratic process followed for Foreign Military Sales and Direct Commercial Sales and the legal framework of both.

U.S. Congress. House. Committee on Foreign Affairs. *Foreign Military Sales: Process and Policy*, hearing. 115th Cong., 1st sess., June 15, 2017. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Publishing Office, 2017.

Available at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-115hhrg25841/pdf/CHRG-115hhrg25841.pdf>.

In this hearing, the testimony of Ambassador Tina S. Kaidanow and Vice Admiral Joseph Rixey provides an overview of the process of Foreign Military Sales and Direct Commercial Sales and the legislation and policies which regulate them.

U.S. Department of State. Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. "U.S. Arms Sales and Defense Trade: Fact Sheet." Last revised May 21, 2019.

Available at <https://www.state.gov/u-s-arms-sales-and-defense-trade/>

This fact sheet explains the purpose of arms sales and defense trade and provides a basic overview of the process of Foreign Military Sales and Direct Commercial Sales.

U.S. Library of Congress. Congressional Research Service. *Arms Sales: Congressional Review Process*, by Paul K. Kerr. RL31675.

Available at <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/details?prodcode=RL31675>.

The Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress be notified by the President of Foreign Military Sales which exceed certain dollar amounts. This report describes the process by which Congress reviews those proposed sales.

U.S. Library of Congress. Congressional Research Service. *Conventional Arms Transfers to Developing Nations, 2008-2015*, by Catherine A. Theohary. R44716.

Available at <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/details?prodcode=R44716>.

This report provides data on conventional arms transfers by the United States to developing nations via Foreign Military Sales.

U.S. Library of Congress. Congressional Research Service. *U.S. Security Assistance and Security Cooperation Programs: Overview of Funding Trends*, by Susan B. Epstein and Liana W. Rosen. R45091.

Available at <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/details?prodcode=R45091>.

This overview discusses changes proposed by the Trump administration to the Foreign Military Financing program, which provides grants and loans to countries purchasing U.S. defense articles and services.

Websites

U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency. "Defense Trade and Arms Transfers."

Available at <https://dsca.mil/programs/defense-trade-and-arms-transfers>.

The Defense Security Cooperation Agency oversees Foreign Military Sales as authorized by the Arms Export Control Act. The agency's website contains a basic overview of Foreign Military Sales and related programs like Foreign Military Financing. Its news section contains press releases about major arms sales and total annual U.S. arms sales overseas.

U.S. Defense Pricing and Contracting (DPC). *Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement 225.73, Acquisitions for Foreign Military Sales.*

Available at https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfars/html/current/225_73.htm.

Official policies and procedures of the acquisitions process for Foreign Military Sales (FMS) under the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. Chapter 39). It was last revised on June 29, 2018.

Impact on the Defense Industrial Base

Articles

Benard, Alexander. "American Needs to Sell More Weapons." *Wall Street Journal*, July 1, 2018. In this op-ed, Benard argues the United States' arms transfer regulations are too restrictive and should be loosened.

Caverley, Jonathan D. "Slowing the Proliferation of Major Conventional Weapons: The Virtues of an Uncompetitive Market." *Ethics & International Affairs* 31, no. 4 (Winter 2017): 401-418.

Available at <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/ethics-and-international-affairs/article/slowing-the-proliferation-of-major-conventional-weapons-the-virtues-of-an-uncompetitivemarket/9D39D7CB982F491FF19BBD413779DDA4#>.

In this article, Caverley argues that the United States' dominance of the global arms market serves to slow the proliferation of conventional weapons and lower worldwide levels of corruption (and associated violence) in the arms industry. As the international market becomes more competitive, he proposes that the United States should form "an informal cartel" with other arms suppliers to continue to moderate the spread of weapons.

Caverley, Jonathan D. "America's Arms Sales Policy: Security Abroad, Not Jobs at Home." *War on the Rocks*, Apr. 6, 2018.

Available at <https://warontherocks.com/2018/04/americas-arms-sales-policy-security-abroad-not-jobs-at-home/>.

Caverley analyzes the number of jobs created by increasing U.S. arms exports, and argues that the industry is an inefficient job creator when compared to other sectors, and therefore instead of focusing on economic benefits, U.S. arms export policy should prioritize foreign policy goals and international security concerns. He also argues that current U.S. export regulations are "a powerful latent foreign policy tool" and should not be loosened.

Gholz, Eugene. "Conventional Arms Transfers and U.S. Economic Security." *Strategic Studies Quarterly* 13, no. 1 (Spring 2019): 42-65.

Available at

https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Portals/10/SSQ/documents/Volume-13_Issue-1/Gholz.pdf.

Gholz examines the Trump Administration's April 2019 revisions to the U.S. Conventional Arms Transfer policy (see NSPM-10 above) with a focus on the new requirement that decision-making take into consideration "the transfer's financial or economic effect on United States industry and its effect on the defense industrial base." Gholz provides an overview of arms transfers' potential economic effects and proposes ways to measure them.

"The Global Arms Trade is Booming. Buyers are Spoiled for Choice." *The Economist*, Aug. 18, 2018.

Available at <https://www.economist.com/international/2018/08/18/the-global-arms-trade-is-booming-buyers-are-spoiled-for-choice>.

This news article reports on the growing global demand for arms. The author contends that although the United States is still the leading supplier of conventional weapons, there is increasing international competition for arms sales.

Korte, Gregory. "Hawking Drones to U.S. Allies, Trump Loosens Policy on Arms Sales to Foreign Countries." *USA Today*, Apr. 19, 2018.

Available at <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/19/trump-military-equipment-loosens-restrictions-arms-sales/532668002/>.

This article reports on the Trump Administration's policy on the sale of drones to foreign governments and the processing of arms sales.

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). "Asia and the Middle East Lead Rising Trend in Arms Imports, U.S. Exports Grow Significantly, Says SIPRI." *SIPRI*, Mar. 12, 2018.

Available at <https://www.sipri.org/news/press-release/2018/asia-and-middle-east-lead-rising-trend-arms-imports-us-exports-grow-significantly-says-sipri>.

This press release discusses data released by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute covering international arms sales from 2013-2017.

Reports

Eaglen, Mackenzie, and Eric Sayers. *Maintaining the Superiority of America's Defense Industrial Base*. Washington, DC: The Heritage Foundation, 2009.

Available at <https://www.heritage.org/defense/report/maintaining-the-superiority-americas-defense-industrial-base>.

This report asserts that America's defense industrial base plays a vital part in providing the U.S. military with the equipment necessary to accomplish its goals. It also states that Congress should seek out Foreign Military Sales opportunities and streamline the sales process in order to maintain a healthy industrial base.

Hartung, William and Christina Arabia. *Trends in Major U.S. Arms Sales in 2018: The Trump Record—Rhetoric vs. Reality*. Washington, DC: Center for International Policy, 2019.

Available at https://static.wixstatic.com/ugd/3ba8a1_44475f2b94464e77b57c6d33953dc939.pdf.

This report argues that Foreign Military Sales contracts are concentrated in a small number of companies, and discusses factors relating to arms sales and job creation. It also makes recommendations aimed at improving the transparency and accountability of the arms sales process.

Herbert, Wayne M. "The effects of the U.S. Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program in preserving the Defense Industrial Base." PhD diss., Naval Postgraduate School, 1998.

Available at <https://apps.dtic.mil/docs/citations/ADA357006>.

This thesis examines the impact that Foreign Military Sales can have on the preservation of the defense industrial base as well as offers recommendations for the arms transfer process.

U.S. Congress. House. Committee on Armed Services. *U.S. Industry Perspectives on the Department of Defense's Policies, Roles, and Responsibilities for Foreign Military Sales*, hearing. 114th Cong., 2nd sess., May 11, 2016. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Publishing Office, 2016.

Available at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-114hhrg20790/pdf/CHRG-114hhrg20790.pdf>.

Transcript of the hearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations where a representative from the National Defense Industrial Association and another from the Aerospace Industries Association testified on industry's experience with the FMS.

U.S. Department of Defense. *Assessing and Strengthening the Manufacturing and Defense Industrial Base and Supply Chain Resiliency of the United States: Report to President Donald J. Trump by the Interagency Task Force in Fulfillment of Executive Order 13806*. Sept. 2018.

Available at <https://media.defense.gov/2018/Oct/05/2002048904/-1/-1/1/ASSESSING-AND-STRENGTHENING-THE-MANUFACTURING-AND%20DEFENSE-INDUSTRIAL-BASE-AND-SUPPLY-CHAIN-RESILIENCY.PDF>.

Following an executive order, this report details the factors impacting the defense industrial base. It assesses the risks, identifies the impacts, and offers recommendations for improvements.

Websites

Security Assistance Monitor, Center for International Policy. "Arms Sales Dashboard."

Available at <https://securityassistance.org/content/arms-sales-dashboard>.

The Arms Sales Dashboard is a data visualization tool which shows U.S. arms sales by country with data from 2000 to present. It also shows the sales by categories, including Foreign Military Sales and Direct Commercial Sales and the recipients.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security "Defense Industrial Base Sector."

Available at <https://www.dhs.gov/cisa/defense-industrial-base-sector>.

This site provides background and information on the defense industrial base sector.

Impact of International Organizations and Military Alliances

Articles

Elliot, Adriane. "Maximizing Foreign Military Sales Provides Multiple Benefits: Mission Strengthens Readiness, Partnerships, Finances." *Army Magazine* 68, no. 8 (Aug. 2018): 34-35. This article discusses the role of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, which manages foreign arms sales. It argues that Foreign Military Sales increase Army readiness, strengthen international partnerships, and have a financial value.

Stohl, Rachel. "Questionable Reward: Arms Sales and the War on Terrorism." *Arms Control Today* 38, no. 1 (2008): 17-23.

Available at https://www.armscontrol.org/act/2008_01-02/stohl.

The author discusses the United States' use of arms sales to countries identified as key allies in the war on terrorism and presents possible negative long-term effects.

Van Horn, Bob. "Using Foreign Military Sales to Support Military-to-Military Cooperation." *Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management (DISAM) Journal* 29, no. 2 (Apr. 2007): 149-153.

Available at https://www.discs.dsca.mil/Pubs/Indexes/Vol%2029_2/Van%20Horn.pdf.

The author argues that in some circumstances, the use of Foreign Military Sales can support military-to-military cooperation, but should not completely replace other programs that support cooperation.

Yarhi-Milo, Keren, Alexander Lanoszka, and Zack Cooper. "To Arm or to Ally? The Patron's Dilemma and the Strategic Logic of Arms Transfers and Alliances." *International Security* 41, no. 2 (2016): 90-139.

Available at https://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/10.1162/ISEC_a_00250.

The authors present the conditions under which great powers offer client state arms, alliance agreements, or in some cases both.

Books

Root, Hilton L. "Economic Logic of the Alliance Curse." In *Alliance Curse: How America Lost the Third World*, 3-14. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2008.

Available at https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/alliancecurse_chapter.pdf.

In this chapter, the author discusses the creation of asymmetric alliances through the use of arms sales, which may result in future liabilities.

Websites

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). "Arms-control, disarmament and non-proliferation in NATO."

Available at http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_48895.htm.

This site provides an overview of NATO's role in arms control, disarmament, and non-proliferation policy.

U.S. Department of State. Bureau of Arms Control, Verification and Compliance. "World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers."

Available at <https://www.state.gov/world-military-expenditures-and-arms-transfers/>.

Website includes the "World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers" (WMEAT), a series of publications that provide data accompanied by analyses and highlights on military spending and arms transfers worldwide.

Specific Cases

U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency. "Major Arms Sales."

Available at <https://www.dsca.mil/major-arms-sales>.

Listing of the notifications to Congress of possible major arms sales approved by the Department of State. The notifications contain the name of the country, the type of equipment, and the estimated cost of the sale. The listings on this page are of all countries in reverse chronological order. Country-specific information can be found by typing the country name in a search bar at the top right of the page.

Asia and the Pacific

Articles

Abercrombie, Cara. "Removing Barriers to U.S.-India Defense Trade." Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Jan. 10, 2018.

Available at <https://carnegieendowment.org/2018/01/10/removing-barriers-to-u.s.-india-defense-trade-pub-75206>.

Abercrombie contends that increased defense trade between the U.S. and India will strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries. The author investigates bureaucratic obstacles that might currently hinder arms trade and offers suggestions for improving existing policies.

Bitzinger, Richard. "Asia's Arms Bazaar: Growing Market for China, US." *RSIS Commentaries*, no. 158 (Oct. 2018).

Available at <https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/rsis/co18159-asias-arms-bazaar-growing-market-for-china-us/>.

The author provides an overview of the current state of the Asian arms market, including recent sales data. He contends that an increasing demand in the region for more sophisticated weapons is good news for both Chinese and American defense companies.

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