National Frameworks

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What is a national framework for the implementation of marking, recordkeeping & tracing requirements?

- National framework
  - Standing orders, guidelines & SOPS
  - International instruments (ITI, UNPOA, Firearm Protocol)
  - Regional instruments: protocols, treaties, agreements
  - Administrative processes & systems
  - Policy & NAP
  - Legislation & regulations
Requirements of the IT (Implementation)

- States will put in place laws, regulations & administrative procedures needed to ensure the effective implementation of ITI
- States will designate one or more national points of contact to exchange information & act as a liaison on all matters relating to the implementation of the ITI
Gaps & Challenges

- Outdated policy & legislation in some States (not in line with ITI)
- Marking & recordkeeping is not prioritised by law enforcement agencies in some States (lack of resources, capacity & political will)
- SALW National Action Plans: details on marking & recordkeeping tend to be minimal
- Use of inadequate marking & recordkeeping administrative systems in some States
- Insufficient sharing of information between law enforcement agencies & militaries in a number of States
- Dissonance between national frameworks & reporting/communication on ITI implementation
  - 23 States submitted ITI reports in 2010 (BMS4)
  - 25 National Points of Contact listed on the POA-ISS website
National points of contact listed on POA-ISS

- Algeria
- Bahrain
- Belgium
- Burundi
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- France
- Greece
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Mauritius
- Namibia
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russian Federation
- Senegal
- Spain
- Thailand
- Ukraine
- USA
The Good News

• The quality & quantity of national frameworks are more substantial than the ITI reports reveal
• Regional approaches/initiatives appear to have strengthened national frameworks & improved communication (but not reflected in ITI reporting)
• States are increasingly adopting more robust marking & recordkeeping technologies & systems
• Interpol national & regional bureaus complement & support national frameworks
• ISACS: Draft standards on marking, recordkeeping, tracing & national coordinating mechanisms – more explicit details on ITI & national frameworks required