

Israel Arms Trade (Prohibition) Bill

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Prohibit the sale of arms to Israel and the purchase of arms from Israel; to make associated provision about an inquiry in relation to Israel into the end use of arms sold from the UK or authorised for sale by the UK Government; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Prohibition on arms sales to Israel

- (1) The UK Government must not authorise for sale, provide licences for sale, or otherwise directly or indirectly sell or authorise the sale of, any arms to Israel.
- (2) Any arms export licence that includes Israel as a destination for sale from the UK is revoked insofar as it applies to Israel. 5
- (3) No new arms export licence that includes Israel as a destination for sale from the UK may be created.

2 Export controls

- (1) The Export Control Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/3231) is amended as follows. 10
- (2) In Part 2 of Schedule 4 (countries embargoed and subject to transit control for military goods), insert "Israel".

3 Prohibition on arms imports from Israel

The UK Government must not purchase, directly or indirectly, or authorise for purchase, any arms from Israel. 15

4 End use of arms inquiry

- (1) *The Secretary of State must, no later than 60 days after the day on which this Act is passed, commission an independent inquiry ('the inquiry') into the effectiveness of the end use guarantees regime in preventing arms sold from the UK, or authorised*

for sale by the UK Government, to Israel being used in breach of Consolidated EU and National Arms Export Licensing Criteria.

- (2) The Secretary of State must—
- (a) appoint to lead the inquiry any candidate recommended by resolution of the Committees on Arms Export Controls; 5
 - (b) lay before Parliament the report of the inquiry within one year of the day in which this Act is passed.

5 Interpretation

In this Act—

“arms” means any military or dual-use goods, equipment or technologies, including but not limited to those listed in Schedule 1, Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 of the Export Control Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/3231); 10

“arms export licence” includes all types of export and trade control licences relating to arms and military equipment, including but not limited to standard individual export licences (SIELs), open individual export licences (OIELs), open general export licences (OGELs), standard individual trade control licences (SITCLs), and open individual trade control licences (OITCLs); 15

“Israel” includes the Israeli military, police and border police.

6 Power to make consequential provision 20

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make consequential provision for the purposes of, or in connection with, giving full effect to a provision of this Act.
- (2) The regulations may (among other things) amend, repeal or revoke a provision contained in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of Parliament. 25
- (3) A statutory instrument containing regulations made under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

7 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 30
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Israel Arms Trade (Prohibition) Act 2021.

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