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[AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE]

TO

Make provision for the establishment and publication of a Register of Arms Brokers.

**B**E 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 Register of Arms Brokers**

- (1) The Export Control Act 2002 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 4 (trade controls) insert—

**“4A Register of Arms Brokers**

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before each House of Parliament a draft of an order to make provision for the establishment, maintenance and publication of a Register of Arms Brokers. 5
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1) “arms broker” means any person involved in the financing, transportation, freight forwarding, or taking of any other action that facilitates the manufacture, export, or import of military equipment or military technology. 10
- (3) The meaning of “military equipment” and “military technology” is as set out in paragraph 1(4) of the Schedule.
- (4) An order under subsection (1) must provide that— 15
  - (a) registration is required every three years; and
  - (b) a person may only be entered in the register if he or she is a fit and proper person to be registered as an arms broker.
- (5) The Secretary of State shall specify in guidance what is meant by a “fit and proper person” in subsection (4)(b).

- (6) It shall be an offence for a person to undertake any of the activities set out in subsection (2) without being registered in the Register of Arms Brokers.
  - (7) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (6) shall be liable, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or a fine (or both).” 5
- (3) In section 13(4), after “section” insert “4A or”.

## **2 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act applies to the whole of the United Kingdom.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it was passed. 10
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Register of Arms Brokers Act 2016.

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