

## WEU questionnaire on armaments for land forces (1956)

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QUESTIONNAIRE

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The questionnaire is divided into four sections :

- Section I : Armaments for Land Forces
- Section II : Armaments for Naval Forces
- Section III : Armaments for Air Forces
- Section IV : Notes on budget data

This part concerns :

SECTION I

ARMAMENTS FOR

LAND FORCES

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS(1)  
ARMAMENTS SUBJECT TO CONTROL

The armaments subject to control (complete end-items and components) are defined in Annex IV to Protocol III of the Paris Agreements.

The document headed "List and reference numbers of the types of armaments subject to control", which is attached, should be filled in, as regards the armaments for Land Forces, by the Member States of W.E.U., listing and specifying all the types of material held or planned on the mainland of Europe, whatever their method of procurement or their final destination.

## DISTINCTION TO BE MADE IN REPLY TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE BETWEEN THE FORCES TO WHICH THE ARMAMENTS SUBJECT TO CONTROL REFER.

The forces concerned are those which are stationed on the territories of the Member States on the mainland of Europe.

When the data requested in the questionnaire refer to each of the categories of the forces under NATO authority and of the forces under national authority, the respective definitions to be drawn up by the North Atlantic Council or the Council of Western European Union should be adopted.

As regards forces under NATO authority, if such definitions do not exist or in doubtful cases, Member States should follow the practice adopted by NATO with respect to the "Annual Review" and data should refer to the armaments for these forces included in firm goals, adopted after the "1955 Annual Review".

All other forces should be considered under the heading "forces under national authority".

As regards these forces, it is recommended that data be submitted for each of the following sub-divisions :

- a) internal defence forces
- b) police forces
- c) other forces under national authority.

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(1) The terms "armaments" and "material" are taken in their widest sense.

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The provisions to be formulated in accordance with Article 5 of Protocol II, and which will be communicated by the Council of Western European Union, should give all necessary information concerning the submission of data on the internal defence and police forces.

Until such information is available, the submission of data on "forces under national authority" which the Member States are able to provide for 1956, as an indication only, should take into consideration the national situation and the practice followed in each country, with all comments which the Member States wish to include in the reply to the Agency questionnaire.

TABLES TO BE FILLED IN FOR EACH TYPE OF MATERIAL

This questionnaire includes various outline forms relating to the tables numbered I, II, II<sub>A</sub> and III. Each type of material should be dealt with in a separate table, not only as far as complete end-items are concerned, but also for components over and above the complete end-items. For each table, one or more sheets of the appropriate format may be used as required. Any additional information can be given by the Member States on the back of the tables.

IDENTIFICATION

Each table should give the following identification particulars in the space provided.

- (i) Category Enter the NATO category number according to the attached "List and reference numbers of types of armaments subject to control".
- (ii) Functional type. Enter the functional type according to the above-mentioned list.
- (iii) ARQ and national reference. Enter the ARQ reference number, if it exists, and/or the national reference number.
- (iv) Model and make. Enter the maker's name and the model, if necessary for the designation of the material.

UNITS OF MEASURE

The quantities of armaments or of components should be given in numbers of units. Quantities of ammunition should be reported in "Rounds" or "Thousands of Rounds" (Complete Rounds).

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#### CONTROL YEAR

The present control year extends from the 1st January 1956 to 31st December 1956. The information given with respect to this year should correspond either to data effective on 1st January 1956, or to firm anticipations for the year, as the case may be. The estimates concerning later years are requested by way of indication only, either when the budgetary system of the Member State concerned covers a period other than the calendar year, or in case of longterm programmes.

#### NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE AGENCY

The Member States are requested to supply the Agency with 15 copies of the answer to the questionnaire, either in French or in English.

#### SECURITY MEASURES

The answer to the questionnaire should be classified "W.E.U. Top Secret" and addressed to the Armaments Control Agency, Palais de Chaillot, Paris 16e.

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LIST AND REFERENCE NUMBERS OF TYPES OF ARMAMENTS SUBJECT TO  
CONTROL

GENERAL REMARKS

Annex IV of Protocol III, on the control of armaments (Paris Agreements, 23rd October 1954), defines under major headings the "List of the types of armaments subject to control". Annex IV is the sole authority for the determining of the scope of controls. However, to facilitate the drawing up of replies to the questionnaire, and to make easier the work of the Agency, and since many of these armaments have been classified by NATO, a practical method for identifying this material is to use the NATO references; for all other material subject to control, the Member States are requested to use their national reference numbers for purposes of identification. The attached list should therefore be completed by the Member States with a complete and detailed indication of all the types of material subject to control which they hold at the present time or expect to hold at some future date.

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NATO Category (ARQ)	Functional type (give details for each type)	ARQ Reference	National Reference Number
Category 22 Artillery	ARTILLERY OF MORE THAN 90 mm. CALIBRE (§ 2 of Annex IV to Prot.III) A.A. Gun of calibre : ..... ..... Howitzer, towed, of calibre : ..... ..... Field gun, towed, of calibre : ..... ..... Field gun, fixed, of calibre : ..... ..... Artillery, railway mounted, of calibre : ..... ..... Elevating mass for each of the types listed above : ..... .....	22 - 2     22 - 4     22 - 5	
Category 23 Combat Vehicles	I - TANKS OF ALL TYPES AND OTHER FIGHTING VEHICLES OF AN OVERALL WEIGHT OF MORE THAN 10 METRIC TONS (§ 6 & 7 of Annex IV to Prot.III; Light tanks : ..... ..... Medium and heavy tanks : ..... ..... Tank destroyers : ..... ..... Elevating mass for each of the types listed above : ..... ..... Tank turret castings and/or plate assemblies for each of the types listed above : ..... ..... Other fighting vehicles of an overall weight of more than 10 metric tons : ..... .....	23 - 1     23 - 2	

NATO Category (ARQ)	Functional type (give details for each type )	ARQ Reference	National Reference Number
Category 23 Combat Vehicles (contd.)	<p>II- SELF PROPELLED ARTILLERY OF MORE THAN 90 mm. CALIBRE :</p> <p>(§ 2 of Annex IV to Prot. III)</p> <p>Self-propelled howitzers of calibre:</p> <p>: : : : : :</p> <p>Self-propelled field guns of calibre:</p> <p>: : : : : :</p> <p>Elevating mass for each of the types listed above :</p> <p>: : : : : :</p>	<p>23 - 3</p> <p>23 - 3</p>	
Category 26	<p>Recoilless guns of more than 90 m.m. calibre and other devices for using self-propelled missiles of a weight exceeding 15 kilogrammes in working order (§ 2 &amp; 4 of Annex IV to Prot. III) :</p> <p>: : : : : :</p> <p>Rocket launchers of more than 90 m.m. calibre and other devices for launching self-propelled missiles of a weight exceeding 15 kilogrammes in working order (§ 2 &amp; 4 of Annex IV to Prot. III) :</p> <p>: : : : : :</p> <p>Heavy mortars of more than 90 m.m. calibre (§ 2 of Annex IV of Prot. III):</p> <p>: : : : : :</p>	<p>26 - 1</p> <p>26 - 5</p> <p>26 - 4</p>	
Category 24 Munitions, Mines	<p>Ammunition of more than 90 m.m. calibre (§ 10 of Annex IV of Prot. III) for :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A.A.</li> <li>- Howitzers</li> <li>- Guns</li> <li>- Fixed guns &amp; railway-mounted guns</li> <li>- Mortars</li> <li>- Recoilless guns etc..</li> </ul>	<p>24 - 8 to 13</p>	

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NATO Category (ARQ)	Functional type (give details for each type)	ARQ Reference	National Reference Number
Category 24 Munitions, Mines (contd.)	Rockets of more than 90 m.m. calibre (§ 10 of Annex IV to Prot.III) : : : : : : : : : : Mines of all types except anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. (§ 5 of Annex IV to Prot. III) : : : : : : : : : :	24 - 16	
Self-prop- elled Missiles Category	Self-propelled missiles of a weight exceeding 15 kilogrammes in working order. (§ 4 of Annex IV to Prot. III) : : : : : : : : : :		
Guided Missiles Category	(§ 3 of Annex IV to Prot. III) : : : : : : : : : :		
Armaments A.B.C. Category	(§ 1 of Annex IV to Prot. III) Atomic weapons : : : : : : : : : : : Biological weapons : : : : : : : : : : : Chemical weapons : : : : : : : : : : :		

<u>COUNTRY</u> .....	W E U ARMAMENTS CONTROL AGENCY  Section I  ARMAMENTS FOR LAND FORCES  <u>TABLES I</u> <u>TOTAL QUANTITIES OF ARMAMENTS</u> (1) Under NATO authority (2) Under national authority (a) internal defence (b) police (c) other national forces	W.E.U. Confidential  TOP SECRET when filled in  Control Year 1956 ACA(56) Q.
<u>ITEM IDENTIFICATION</u>  Category : ..... Functional type : ..... ..... ARQ Reference : ... National Reference: ..... Model : ..... .....		

I t e m	Calendar Years		
	1956	1957	1958 and after
0	1	2	3
Total quantities necessary on 31st December of the Control Year and, if need be, of later years.			
1a Initial Equipment )			
1b Operational reserves ) (2)			
1c Total (1a + 1b) )			
2 Quantities on hand, 1st January of Control year (1956)		X	X
New resources from 1st January to 31st December			
3a National production (self financed)			
3b Purchased abroad (self financed)			
3c External aid in military material			
3d Total (3a + 3b + 3c)			
4a Annual attrition		X	X
4b Other decreases		X	X
5 On hand on 31st December : (2 + 3d - 4a - 4b)		X	X

- (1) Delete which does not apply  
 (2) For ammunition only 1c should be completed.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE TO TABLES I

TOTAL QUANTITIES OF ARMAMENTS

This table is to be used for the armaments of  
1° forces under NATO authority  
2° forces under national authority  
    a) internal defence  
    b) police  
    c) other forces under national authority  
by deleting, on the completed table, the heading which does not  
apply (see General Instructions). Any special remarks which  
the Countries may wish to make concerning their forces under  
national authority should be noted on the reverse side of the  
tables dealing with these forces.

TOTAL QUANTITIES NECESSARY ON 31st DECEMBER OF THE CONTROL YEAR OR,  
IF NEEDED BE, OF LATER YEARS.

By total quantities necessary on 31st December of  
the control year is meant the total quantities of armaments  
considered necessary by the Member State, on that date, in  
relation to the strength of its forces placed, either under  
NATO authority (¶ 1(a) of Article 13 of Protocol IV), or under  
national authority (¶ 2 of Article 13 of Protocol IV).

Taking into consideration the provisions of  
Article 14 of Protocol IV as regards forces under NATO authority,  
and of Articles 15 and 16 of the same Protocol as regards  
forces under national authority, these quantities represent, for  
the current control year, the "appropriate levels" as defined  
in Article 19 of Protocol IV.

Serial 1 a - Initial equipment

In serial 1 a should be shown the quantities of  
equipment called for by national authorised wartime Tables of  
Organisation and Equipment. These quantities should include  
equipment in use, taking in training equipment subject to control,  
as well as initial equipment in stock for units on mobilisation  
(units already existing and new units).

Serial 1 b - Operational reserves

These requirements, expressed as quantities, should  
be calculated as explained in the notes to the ARQ 1955 of the  
North Atlantic Council (Army Section page 15 § 409, 410 and  
411) or in accordance with the national practice in the Member  
States.

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ON HAND 1st JANUARY 1956

Serial 2

These figures should represent the total quantities on hand at this date for the forces to be covered. NATO practice should be followed for material provided by external aid (see ARQ - 55 - Army Section page 15 § 412).

NEW RESOURCES FROM 1st JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER

Serial 3 a - From self-financed national production

New resources during the year from self-financed procurements should represent the deliveries anticipated under existing and planned national procurement programmes.

Deliveries from national production programmes financed from U.S. intermediate-type aid (special military support, and other U.S. direct special payments programmes) should be included under this heading. Off-shore procurement deliveries should not be included.

Serial 3 b - Purchased abroad (self-financed)

This serial covers all purchases in countries of W.E.U. or in other countries, financed under the national budget.

Serial 3 c - From external aid in military material

The figures should cover all estimated shipments during the year considered, by the U.S.A. and/or Canada, under Mutual Aid Programmes. They should include all direct shipments from the U.S.A. and Canada and shipments under off-shore procurement programmes within the framework of MDAP.

ANNUAL ATTRITION

Serial 4 a - Annual peace-time attrition should be calculated by the Member States on the basis of quantities normally expended during previous periods, especially for training.

OTHER DECREASES

Serial 4 b - These refer to decreases other than those mentioned in serial 4 a, such as declassifications, sales of material, accidental losses etc. All necessary information should be given by the countries on the back of the tables, especially as regards the possible re-use of the material.

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ON HAND ON 31st DECEMBER

Serial 5 - These figures should be arrived at by adding to serial 2 (quantities held on 1st January of the control year) serial 3 d (new resources from 1st January to 31st December), and deducting serials 4a and 4b (annual attrition and other decreases). These figures show the total quantities which should be available on 31st December of the control year.

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#### NOTE ON AMMUNITION (TABLES I)

The only ammunition to be dealt with is war ammunition.

Serials 1a and 1b - These serials should not be filled in for ammunition.

#### Serial 1c - (Total)

The total only should be given. This should be calculated, for forces under NATO authority, as explained in ARQ 55 : see "Operational Reserves" in Army Section, page 19, § 507 and 508.

For forces under national authority, national practice should be followed and should be explained clearly, if necessary, on the back of these tables.

#### Serial 4a -

The quantities of ammunition expended should be given under this heading; all additional information on ammunition expended for training can be given on the back of the tables.





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## ARMAMENTS FOR LAND FORCES

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ARQ Reference :....

TABLES II<sub>A</sub>

National Reference:  
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QUANTITIES OF ARMAMENTS HELD ON 1st JANUARY 1956  
BY DEPOTS, PARKS, ETC...  
(for all Land Forces)

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Model :.....
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Designation of depots, parks etc....	Place and Address	Quantities of material according to origin			Total quantities
		Nat. prod.*	Proc. abr.*	Ext. aid *	
0	1	2	3	4	5
Totals : . . . . .					

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* Column 2 : Nat.prod. = national production
* Column 3 : Proc.abr. = procurement from abroad
* Column 4 : Ext.aid   = External aid

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EXPLANATORY NOTES TO TABLES II AND II<sub>A</sub>  
QUANTITIES OF ARMAMENTS HELD ON 1st JANUARY  
1956

These tables are intended to provide a detailed statement of the quantities of armaments held on 1st January 1956.

The sum of the totals of tables II and II<sub>A</sub> should correspond to the global figure given in tables I, serial 2.

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TABLES II  
QUANTITIES OF ARMAMENTS HELD ON 1st JANUARY 1956 BY UNITS (1)

This table should be used for the armaments held by units of :

1° forces under NATO authority

2° forces under national authority

a) internal defence

b) police

c) other forces under national authority,

by deleting the heading which does not apply on each table (see General Instructions). Any special information which the countries wish to give about forces under their authority should be entered on the back of the tables concerning these forces.

**MATERIALS AND UNITS TO BE COVERED**

These tables refer to the quantities of materials held by units (1) on 1st January of the control year. They cover materials in use, including training materials and material in stock for mobilisation, both for the unit itself and for the units which will be formed from it on mobilisation.

As regards forces under NATO authority, the units to be dealt with are Major Combat Units (divisions, regimental combat teams or equivalent units), and non-organic support units (down to battery and company level). See especially Chapter 2 "Forces to be covered" of the introduction to ARQ 55 - Army Section, page 1.

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(1) Units comprise combat and training formations.

As regards forces under national authority, national practice should be followed, keeping as close as possible, however, to NATO practice since the units are to be considered down to and including mobilisation level.

The quantities of material held by units under national authority but destined for forces stationed overseas, should be included in the tables concerning armaments held by units under national authority.

Column 0 : Designation of the unit

This refers to the units mentioned in the preceding paragraph (materials and units to be covered).

Column 1 : Location

Give the location of the unit and the site of depots or warehouses of the unit.

Column 2 : Quantities of materials on hand in the unit.

Give here the total quantity of material on the unit's books on 1st January 1956.

TABLES II<sub>A</sub>

QUANTITIES OF ARMAMENTS HELD ON 1st JANUARY 1956 BY DEPOTS, PARKS ETC..

(for all Land Forces)

This table should be used for the armaments held in the depots, parks, etc. of all Land Forces without regard to the ultimate destination of these armaments.

ITEMS TO BE COVERED

Tables II<sub>A</sub> refer to the quantities of materials, not yet allocated to the units and contained on 1st January 1956 in the depots, parks or all other establishments holding quantities of material not given in tables II (units).

The quantities of material held in depots, parks, etc. and intended for national forces stationed in overseas territories, should be included in these tables.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOTS, PARKS ETC.

In classifying depots, parks etc. national practice should be followed.

The designation of depots, parks etc. should indicate, where necessary, whether the depot is under NATO authority, under national authority or both.

QUANTITIES OF MATERIALS ACCORDING TO ORIGIN

Columns 2,3 and 4 should be completed for quantities when the origin is known.

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Category : .....	Section I	Control Year 1956
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ARQ Reference: ....	FORCES	
National Reference: .....	TABLES III	
Model : .....	PROGRAMMES	

	I t e m	Calendar Years		
		1956	1957	1958 and after
	0	1	2	3
	<u>1st PART : SELF-FINANCED PROCUREMENT PROGRAMMES</u> GLOBAL PROGRAMMES (self-financed national production and foreign purchases) Quantities to be procured : 1a - under previous financial programmes 1b - under current financial programmes 1c - total of the quantities (1a + 1b) Estimated cost of these quantities 2a - under previous financial programmes 2b - under current financial programmes 2c - total costs (2a + 2b) DIVISION OF GLOBAL PROGRAMMES A) Self-financed national production programmes 3 Quantities : 4 Estimated cost : B) Self-financed foreign purchase programmes 5 Quantities 6 Estimated Cost :			
	<u>2nd PART : PRODUCTION PROGRAMMES FINANCED FROM OTHER SOURCES</u> 7 National production under "off-shore" programmes 8 National production for export			

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EXPLANATORY NOTE TO TABLES IIIPROGRAMMES

## ARMAMENT PROGRAMMES TO BE COVERED

The data to be given in tables III concerns the various national production and foreign purchase programmes for armaments for Land Forces, whatever their destination<sup>(1)</sup>; these tables do not deal with deliveries in material from external aid but may include national production undertaken under this head.

The programmes to be covered by these tables include :

- in the first part, national production and foreign purchase programmes financed by the national budget,
- in the second part, national production programmes financed by other sources than those of the national budget.

1st PART : SELF-FINANCED PROCUREMENT PROGRAMMES

## GLOBAL PROGRAMMES (self-financed national production and foreign purchase)

The meaning of the term "self-financed national production" is further clarified and explained in the notes below to serial 3.

Serial 1a : Quantities of material relating to all financial programmes prior to 1st January of the control year and still outstanding after this date.

Serial 1b : Quantities of material relating to new financial programmes for the year.

Serial 1c : The figure (total quantities) under Serial 1c should correspond to the sum of the figures given under Serials 3 and 5 below.

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(1) Consideration of the budget and programme layout adopted by the Member States shows, in fact, that national programmes and the corresponding budget sections must be treated as a whole without any precise a priori division on the basis of future destination.

Serial 2a : Estimated cost, expressed in national currency, of the credits committed <sup>(2)</sup> for the quantities referred to in serial 1a.

Serial 2b : Estimated cost, expressed in national currency, of the credits committed <sup>(2)</sup> for the quantities referred to in serial 1b.

Serial 2c : The figure (total cost) under Serial 2c should correspond to the sum of the figures given under Serials 4 and 6 below.

#### DIVISION OF GLOBAL PROGRAMMES

##### A) SELF-FINANCED NATIONAL PRODUCTION PROGRAMMES

Serial 3 : Quantities of material from planned national production programmes financed by the national budget.

In addition, production financed by U.S.A. intermediate-type aid (special military aid and other special direct payment programmes from U.S.A.) should be included under national production.

Serial 4 : Estimated cost, expressed in national currency, of the credits committed <sup>(2)</sup> for the quantities referred to in Serial 3.

##### B) SELF-FINANCED FOREIGN PURCHASE PROGRAMMES

Serial 5 : Quantities of material from planned foreign purchase programmes financed by the national budget.

Serial 6 : Estimated cost, expressed in national currency, of the credits committed <sup>(2)</sup> for the quantities referred to in serial 5.

#### 2nd PART : PRODUCTION PROGRAMMES FINANCED FROM OTHER SOURCES

Serial 7 : Quantities of material from the national production, related directly or indirectly to "off-shore" orders.

Serial 8 : Quantities of material from national production for export, in so far as this can be foreseen.

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(2) The countries which, in their budget procedure, have no "credits committed" should follow their own practice in explaining financial estimates under this head. This data should permit a comparison to be made between the quantities given under programmes and the "budgetary data" which countries will be asked to submit in Section IV of the Questionnaire.