Strategic Trade Management Law Industry Outreach - Mongolia

We propose to conduct two sets of two in-country outreach activities, one designed for parliamentarians and one primarily for industry, on two different visits to Mongolia. Each activity set and country visit will include a two-day seminar on Mongolia’s draft strategic trade management law for Mongolian industry and a two-day proliferation/strategic trade management awareness-raising seminar for Mongolian parliamentarians in Ulaanbaatar. The industry outreach seminars will identify, discuss, and emphasize the essential components of Mongolia’s draft strategic trade management legislation and how to comply with it (and strategic trade management regulations in general) in a way that will help, not hinder, their business interests.

Industry/Government Outreach – Saudi Arabia

There is a pressing need for the SAG and Saudi industry to recognize the importance of government-industry cooperation, information sharing, and industry compliance with national and international nonproliferation obligations and to begin the process of forging a sustainable partnership. SAG officials would benefit in particular from an understanding of why governments provide nonproliferation and STC outreach to industry, as well as the mechanics of how to institute a comprehensive outreach program and secure industry support for strategic trade controls. Both Saudi government and industry would benefit significantly from instructional and interactive exercises that promote transparency and mutual information sharing, provide insight into how to respond to suspected STC violations and the consequences of those responses, and encourage the development of ICPs that are appropriate for the specific types of industry sectors, traders, products, and markets that are pertinent to Saudi Arabia.

CPR therefore proposes to conduct a series of four activities during two separate trips to Saudi Arabia in the winter and spring of 2013. During the first visit, the CPR Project Team will conduct a two-day seminar in Riyadh on designing and implementing an industry outreach program for selected SAG officials and representatives of major Saudi companies and industry associations. The Project Team then will conduct a two-day seminar in Riyadh on government-industry relations and STC compliance and
enforcement for a broad swath of Saudi industry and selected SAG officials, particularly from agencies that will actively enforce Saudi strategic trade controls. During the second trip, the CPR Project Team proposes to travel to two major Saudi Arabian industrial cities, Ad Dammam and Jeddah, based on consultations with and the approval of the ISN/ECC action officer, EXBS personnel in country, and the U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia. The CPR Project Team first will conduct a two-day seminar on government-industry relations and STC enforcement and compliance for Saudi industry and government officials in the vicinity of the eastern city of Dammam. The CPR Team then will travel to the western city of Jeddah to conduct a similar seminar for government and industry representatives located in the Jeddah metropolitan region.

Three of Three Awards
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Strategic Trade Control Legislation Development and Legal Regulatory Assistance – Saudi Arabia

There is an urgent need for Saudi Arabia to adopt a comprehensive law and implementing regulations that will enable national authorities to regulate strategic trade transactions in a manner consistent with U.S. and European Union (EU) standards and international law, norms, and obligations. In an effort to begin the process of drafting comprehensive strategic trade control legislation and implementing regulations, Saudi officials would benefit significantly from a combination of training and interactive discussions on the establishment of an effective strategic trade control legal basis. Specifically, Saudi government officials would benefit from training regarding the critical elements of a strategic trade control law, the purpose and necessary elements of implementing regulations, and international recommendations and best practices in these areas. Learning more about the laws and regulations in states with effective strategic trade control systems could also facilitate Saudi efforts to create their own system. Receiving tailored support and technical input via legal-regulatory consultations could also facilitate the SAG’s efforts to draft a new, comprehensive strategic trade control law.

In addition, a strategic trade industry outreach seminar and government-industry roundtable would help cultivate a strategic trade compliance culture within Saudi businesses. Involving commercial stakeholders early in the process could help cultivate their support for the eventual adoption and implementation of strategic trade control legislation. The industry seminar would provide Saudi industry representatives with information on and examples of national, regional, and international WMD proliferation challenges and risks, the role that industry actors can play in combating proliferation, the fundamentals of government regulation of trade in strategic items, and examples and case studies of strategic trade compliance “best practices” from multinational firms. Likewise, this seminar will ensure industry understands its potential role in the development and ultimate implementation of STC legal authorities in Saudi Arabia.
Finally, a government-industry roundtable on strategic trade control would help to facilitate dialogue on strategic trade control and allow industry to play a more meaningful role in the development, adoption, and the effective implementation of strategic trade control legislation in Saudi Arabia. The roundtable is designed to facilitate interaction, networks, and discussion between Saudi government and industry actors and lay a foundation for future government-to-industry outreach on strategic trade control in Saudi Arabia.