



MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS IN Q4

In Q4 2024, the pilot phase of the AAMVS Self-Assessment Tool with exporters was successfully completed. The project team convened for a final meeting to review the results and finalize necessary adjustments before transitioning to the tool's trial phase. Several modifications were implemented, along with updates to the accompanying guidance materials, ensuring enhanced usability and effectiveness.

PROJECT TEAM END OF YEAR MEETING

The project team held a concluding online meeting in 2024 to evaluate the AAMVS pilot results and initiate preparations for 2025. Discussions primarily focused on final updates to the tool and its guidance materials, addressing feedback from stakeholders and refining the tool for the user trial broader implementation.



USER TRIAL

The user trial aims to assess the usability of AAMVS within weapon and ammunition import/export processes, in alignment with EU Council Decision CFSP 2022/2275. The focus is on the self-assessment tool's integration into national transfer controls, ensuring essential refinements before submission in late 2025.

Participants include export licensing agencies, import control authorities, and other key stakeholders. The trial comprises four phases: initial discussions, importer testing, exporter evaluation, and a final review to address findings and explore future applications. Surveys and breakout sessions will be conducted to gather feedback on usability, system reliability, and information-sharing practices.

Scheduled to run from February to June 2025, with an After-Action Review in May, the trial will refine AAMVS for export control, diversion prevention, and capacity-building efforts. Participants must hold decision-making roles and have access to Microsoft Word, Excel, and the internet. The ultimate objective is to ensure the system is fully prepared for EU submission by the end of 2025.

AAMVS TOOL UPDATES

Based on feedback from both importers and exporters during the pilot phase, the project team has planned a series of modifications to enhance the tool. Significant improvements have been made to the questionnaire, guidance notes, and overall functionality. The number of questions has been optimized by reducing redundancies, making the tool more concise while retaining comprehensive coverage of critical elements in arms and ammunition management. These refinements ensure that key aspects can be effectively evaluated with verifiable evidence, improving both efficiency and reliability.