**Information on special means used by law enforcement bodies and
on the nature, scope and regulation of production of and trade in weapons,
as well as on the relation of the mentioned special means/weapons to torture, cruel, other inhuman or degrading treatment**

**Requested for the report to be presented by the United Nations Special Rapporteur
on Torture at the 78th session of the General Assembly**

**Question 1: Regulation of production**

1.1. Does your country have national legislation or alternative regulatory, administrative, judicial or other measures, which prohibit or regulate the production of *certain* law enforcement equipment or weapons, and/or a system of classifying different types of the production of law enforcement equipment and weapons?

When answering this question, please be specific regarding the prohibition or regulation of any of the following law enforcement equipment and consider the following or other goods that may be prohibited in your country:

i. Leg irons, gang chains, fetters, weighted leg restraints, thumb cuffs, restraints fixed to walls or other objects, blind-folds and hoods

ii. Multi-point restraints such as shackle beds, restraint chairs and cage beds

iii. Body worn electric shock devices such as electric shock belts

iv. Direct contact electric shock devices such as stun batons, stun guns or stun shields

v. Spiked batons, spiked shields, weighted batons, whips

vi. Multi-barrel kinetic impact launchers, single non-metallic projectiles that contain ammunition containing multiple projectiles

vii. Laser weapons intended to blind or impair sight

viii. Millimetre wave energy weapons

ix. Other

The classification of weapons and special means included in the armament of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Armenia is regulated by the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia (No 867-N) of 23 June, 2011 (available only in Armenian).

1.2. How are “prohibited goods” defined and categorised under national legislation (or alternative regulatory, administrative, judicial or other measures)? If there are lists of prohibited goods, please provide details, including what mechanisms there are for updating these categories/lists, how often they are updated, and when was this last done.

Only the weapons and special means defined by the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia No 867-N of 23 June, 2011 (see answer to Question 1.1), are available and used in the armament of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Armenia.

Pursuant to Article 32 of the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On regulation of circulation of weapons ", adopted on October 27, 2022:

1. The Police of the Republic of Armenia shall exercise, within its competence, control over the circulation of civilian or service weapons in the Republic of Armenia.

2. Control over the circulation of the weapons being in the armament of state militarised organisations shall be exercised as prescribed by the Government.

3. The relevant sub-divisions of the Police of the Republic of Armenia having control over the circulation of civilian and service weapons shall be competent to:

(1) conduct examination of weapons in places of production, import, export, trade, keeping and destruction thereof;

(2) inspect, once a semester, the facilities for keeping weapons and cartridges,

(3) check, once a year, the availability of weapons in places of residence of citizen–owners of weapons and in places of registration of legal persons, and conditions of keeping thereof;

(4) gratuitously seize, take and destroy, as prescribed, the weapon the circulation whereof is prohibited in the territory of the Republic of Armenia, except if the state militarised organisation wishes to include it in its collection;

(5) request — for the purpose of exercising their control functions — from natural and legal persons to submit necessary documents, written or oral information;

(6) issue — in case of revealing violations of the rules prescribed — binding instructions to natural and legal persons on their elimination;

(7) initiate administrative proceedings, draw up protocols on administrative offences;

(8) undertake other measures provided for by legislation.

4. The procedure for acceptance of seized, taken, voluntarily surrendered, and found weapons and ammunition shall be prescribed by the Government.

5. In case of being absent from the Republic of Armenia for more than 180 days, a citizen shall deposit the weapon with the territorial sub-division of the Police of the Republic of Armenia. If, upon being absent from the Republic of Armenia, the citizen has failed to deposit the weapon with the Police of the Republic of Armenia, or if the check of the availability of the weapon in places of residence of citizen-owners of weapons and the conditions of keeping thereof becomes unavailable for the relevant official of the Police of the Republic of Armenia for a long time, the weapon shall be registered in the Information Centre of the Police of the Republic of Armenia as weapon left without control. The procedure for registration and removal from registration of a weapon left without control shall be prescribed by the Government.

6. The body seizing, taking the weapon shall be obliged to inform the Police of the Republic of Armenia thereon within a period of ten days for removing it from registration as a weapon left without control.

**Question 2: Regulation of trade**

2.1. Does your country have national legislation or alternative regulatory, administrative, judicial or other measures, which prohibits the trade (import, export, transit) in any of the goods listed at 1.1. Please explain these legislation/measures and provide a copy or hyperlink to those documents.

2.2. Does your country’s national legislation (or other measures) also regulate the trade (import, export, transit) in goods that have a “legitimate law enforcement purpose, but which may be easily abused for torture and ill-treatment or punishment”? Please explain these legislation/measures.

When answering this question, please be specific regarding the regulation of any of the following law enforcement equipment and consider the following:

i. Riot control agents, malodorants, and associated delivery mechanisms

ii. Handcuffs, leg-cuffs and associated restraints, spit hoods and spit guards

iii. Acoustic devices and weapons that do not cause long-term or permanent damage to hearing

iv. Dazzling weapons employing lasers or optical light

v. Batons, truncheons, and other similar hand-held striking weapons

vi. Kinetic impact projectiles (including rubber bullets and plastic bullets) and associated launchers

vii. Electric shock projectile devices

viii. Other

The draft Decision of the Government of Armenia “On defining the requirements for conditions of keeping and order of carrying weapon, rules of creating a collection of weapons and displaying a collection of weapons, the procedure for sale, transfer, acquisition, display, keeping and transportation thereof, and defining the name-list of weapons" was prepared for ensuring the implementation of the Law "On regulation of circulation of weapons", and of point 19 of the Decision of the Prime Minister of Armenia No 1562-A of 30 December, 2022, "On approving the actions ensuring the implementation of the Laws “On regulation of circulation of weapons" and "On making amendments and supplements to the Law ’On licensing’".

As a result of adoption of the draft Decision of the Government “On defining the requirements for conditions of keeping and order of carrying weapon, rules of creating a collection of weapons and displaying a collection of weapons, the procedure for sale, transfer, acquisition, display, keeping and transportation thereof, and defining the name-list of weapons", the requirements on conditions of keeping and order of carrying weapon, rules of creating a collection of weapons and displaying a collection of weapons, the procedure for sale, transfer, acquisition, display, keeping and transportation thereof will be ensured, as well as the name-list of weapons will be defined

The Ministry of Defence of Armenia exercises — as prescribed by the Law of "On licensing" and as prescribed by Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia No 1308-N of 12 November, 2009, —control over the import, export, transit transportation and brokering in goods deemed to be military products by legal and natural persons. The list of goods deemed to be military products is defined upon the above-mentioned Decision. At the same time, pursuant to the Law of Armenia "On weapons", state militarised organisations of the Republic of Armenia implement import, export, transit transportation and brokerage in goods deemed to be military products without licensing. Besides, the list of special means and types of weapons used by the Military Police is defined upon Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia No 650-A of 31 May, 2007, whereas the cases of their use and prohibition on use are prescribed by Articles 14 and 15 of the Law of Armenia "On Military Police".

**Question 3: Main producers, suppliers and exporters of law enforcement equipment**

Please provide details of the main producers, suppliers and exporters of law enforcement equipment and weapons covered by the categories listed in Question 1.1 or 2.2, for the period 2018-2022.

The special means included in the armament of the police troops, approved by the Decision of the Government of Armenia No 867-N of 23 June, 2011, are produced in the Russian Federation, and two denominations of special means were supplied by "Arsenal LTD" LLC during 2018-2022.

**Question 4: Training Services and Review of Procedures**

What training is provided by relevant State entities (including military forces, police forces, immigration, or associated training colleges), commercial companies or academic institutions in the use of law enforcement equipment and weapons to domestic and/or foreign military, security or police personnel? If such training is regulated, please provide details, including whether this regulation incorporates a human rights-based risk assessment procedure and whether certain types of training are prohibited.

Topics on human rights and freedoms, as well as on torture or degrading treatment or punishment are constantly included in the thematic plans of training courses conducted at the Training Centre of the Educational Complex of the Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Armenia. The trainings are regulated by the Decision of the Government of Armenia No 174-N of 23 January, 2003, "On approving the procedure for and conditions of undergoing trainings by a police officer". As regards the prohibition of certain type of training, no such prohibition is defined by the above-mentioned Procedure. At the same time, certain courses envisaged by the curriculum are taught in observance of the confidential mode, pursuant to the current procedure on confidential administration.

The training courses conducted for police officers at the Educational Complex during the reporting period were on the curricula topic Against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment:

|  | Name of group | Number of officers participated in training | Titles of topics | Number of lecture hours on the relevant topic |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Three-month training course conducted for officers appointed to mid-level positions of the Police of the Republic of Armenia | 63 | The UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the standards of the European Committee for the Prevention of TortureJudgments rendered by the European Court of Human Rights with regard to the Republic of Armenia in relation to the violation of Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights | 4 |
| 2. | Training course for deputy heads of department for operational affairs, heads of division and deputy heads of divisions for operational affairs, heads of territorial units, criminal intelligence, juvenile cases and prevention of violence within the family of the Police of the Republic of Armenia | 18 | The UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the standards of the European Committee for the Prevention of TortureJudgements rendered by the European Court of Human Rights with regard to the Republic of Armenia in relation to the violation of Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights | 2 |
| 3. | Two-month training course for officers appointed to senior and chief positions of the Police of the Republic of Armenia | 1 | The UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the standards of the European Committee for the Prevention of TortureJudgements rendered by the European Court of Human Rights with regard to the Republic of Armenia in relation to the violation of Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights | 4 |
| 4. | Training course for officers of the Administrative Activity Unit of the Patrol Service of the Police of the Republic of Armenia, the Duty Service, personnel staff, and officers of the Legal Unit | 53 | International-legal documents on human rights and freedoms in the context of activities of the Police | 2 |
| 5. | Training course for heads of division and territorial protection division, deputy heads of division, head of unit, commanders and deputy commanders of regiment, battalion, company, and platoon, and officers holding positions of senior inspector of service of the General Department of State Protection of the Police of the Republic of Armenia | 12 | The UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the standards of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture | 2 |

The training courses conducted for police officers at the Educational Complex during the reporting period were on the topic

On application of physical force, firearms and special means:

|  | Name of group | Number of officers participated in training | Titles of topics | Number of lecture hours on the relevant topic |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Three-month training course conducted for officers appointed to mid-level positions of the Police of the Republic of Armenia | 63 | Conditions of using physical force, firearms and special means by police officers. Special means used and put to use by a police officer, their classification and peculiarities of use  | 6 |
| 2. | Training course for officers holding mid-level positions in the Community Policing, Department for Ensuring Public Order and Prevention of the Police of the Republic of Armenia | 17 | Types of administrative coercion applied by the Police. Legitimacy and proportionality of use of physical force, special means and firearms by a police officerUse of physical force, special means and firearms by police officersSpecial means used by police officers | 6 |
| 3 | Two-month training course for officers appointed to senior and chief positions of the Police of the Republic of Armenia | 1 | Grounds for, conditions and extent of using physical force and special means. Grounds for and extent of using/applying/ firearm and putting it to use. Personal safety guarantees for an armed police officer. Personal protective equipment of a police officerProcedure for use of physical force, firearm and special means by a police officer. Special means used and put to use by a police officer | 6 |
| 4. | Training course for heads of division and territorial protection division, deputy heads of division, head of unit, commanders and deputy commanders of regiment, battalion, company, and commanders of platoon, and officers holding positions of senior inspector of service of the General Department of State Protection of the Police of the Republic of Armenia | 12 | Use of physical force and special means by a police officerGrounds for, conditions and extent of using physical force, special means and firearms by a police officerSpecial means used by the Police of the Republic of Armenia, their classification, personal protective equipment of a police officer  | 12 |
| 5 | Three-month training course conducted for officers appointed to mid-level positions of the Police of the Republic of Armenia | 63 | The Law of the Republic of Armenia "On weapons" and main concepts thereof. The procedure for providing a police officer with listed service weapon and ammunition by the right to keep and carry it, as well as for keeping and carrying the weapon providedEnsuring of safety rules when handling weapons and ammunitionMalfunctions of parts and mechanisms of "Makarov" pistol during firing, weapons care Types and tactical and technical details of "Kalashnikov" assault riflePartial disassembling and assembling of "Makarov" pistolFull disassembling and assembling of "Makarov" pistolProcedure for firing exercises from "Makarov" pistol Practice firing (Exercise No 1)Practice firing (Exercise No 2) | 24 |
| 6 | Officers holding mid-level positions in the Community Policing, Department for Ensuring Public Order and Prevention of the Police of the Republic of Armenia | 17 | Combat details of 9 mm "Makarov" pistol and 7.62 mm modernised "Kalashnikov" assault rifle, description of parts, operation and meaning thereofSafety rules when handling listed service weapon and ammunitionPerformance of exercises No 1 from "Makarov" assault rifle | 6 |
| 7 | Two-month training course for officers appointed to senior and chief positions of the Police of the Republic of Armenia | 1 | Significance of shooting preparedness and tasks thereof. The Law of the Republic of Armenia "On weapons" and main concepts thereofThe procedure for providing a police officer with listed service weapon and ammunition by the right to keep and carry it, as well as for keeping and carrying the weapon providedThe list of firearms, ammunition included in the armament of the Police of the Republic of ArmeniaEnsuring of safety rules when handling weapons and ammunitionMalfunctions of parts and mechanisms of "Makarov" pistol during firing and procedure for elimination thereofTypes of "Kalashnikov" assault rifle and tactical and technical details thereof.VariantsPartial disassembling and assembling of "Makarov" pistol, weapon careFull disassembling and assembling of "Makarov" pistolOrganisation of performing the exercises envisaged by the practice firing programme Practice firing (Exercise No 1)Practice firing (Exercise No 2) | 26 |
| 8 | Training course for heads of division and territorial protection division, deputy heads of division, head of unit, commanders and deputy commanders of regiment, battalion, company, and commanders of platoon, and officers holding positions of senior inspector of service of the General Department of State Protection of the Republic of Armenia | 12 | Combat details of 9 mm "Makarov" pistol and 7.62 mm modernised "Kalashnikov" assault rifle, description of parts, operation and meaning thereof. Safety rules when handling weapons and ammunitionFiring from "Makarov" pistol, exercise No 1 | 4 |
| 9 | Training course for heads and deputy heads of the On-Duty Unit and the Operational Management Centre of the Police of the Republic of Armenia, and officers holding mid-level positions in the On-Duty Unit and the Operational Management Centre | 22 | Combat details of 9 mm "Makarov" pistol, description of parts, operation and meaning thereofSafety rules when handling listed service weapon and ammunition. The procedure for providing officers of the Police of the Republic of Armenia with listed service weapon and ammunition by the right to keep and carry it, as well as for keeping and carrying the weapon providedCombat details of 7,62 mm modernised "Kalashnikov" assault rifle, description of parts, operation and meaning thereofFiring from "Makarov" pistol, exercise No 1 | 8 |
| 10 | Training course for officers holding inspection positions for juvenile cases and prevention of violence within the family of the Police of the Republic of Armenia  | 15 | Combat details of 9 mm "Makarov" pistol and 7.62 mm modernised "Kalashnikov" assault rifle, description of parts, operation and meaning thereofEnsuring of safety rules when handling firearms, weapon care and maintenanceFiring from "Makarov" pistol, exercise No 1 | 6 |
| 11 | Training course for operations officers for criminal intelligence, juvenile cases and prevention of violence within the family (deputy head of the Criminal Intelligence Unit, deputy head of territorial unit, senior operations officer for particularly important cases of criminal intelligence, juvenile cases and prevention of violence within the family, senior operational officer, operational officer)  | 19 | Combat details of 9 mm "Makarov" pistol, description of parts, operation and meaning thereofCombat details of 7.62 mm modernised "Kalashnikov" assault rifle, description of parts, operation and meaning thereofEnsuring of safety rules when handling firearmsFiring from "Makarov" pistol, exercise No 1 | 8 |
| 12 | Training course conducted with the objective to grant a right (authorisation) to officers holding senior and mid-level positions to perform operational and intelligence studies and expert examinations in a specific area, as well to participate in the examination of the scene of incident | 5 | Ensuring of safety rules when handling weapons and ammunitionPerformance of exercise No 1 from 9 mm "Makarov" pistol | 4 |
| 13 | Training course for officers holding senior and mid-level positions in the Criminal Forensics Service of the Police of the Republic of Armenia | 6 | Structure of combat cartridges. Bullets in their structure according to colouring and characteristics. Structure of "Glock" pistol, differences of trace examination thereofCombat details of 9 mm "Makarov" pistol and 7.62 mm modernised "Kalashnikov" assault rifle, description of parts, operation and meaning thereof. Ensuring of safety rules when handling weapons and ammunition | 6 |
| 14 | Training course for the head of the On-Duty Unit of Arabkir Division of Yerevan City Department of the Police of the Republic of Armenia | 1 | Procedures for examination of, care for and maintenance of 9 mm "Makarov" pistol and "Kalashnikov" assault rifleSafety rules when handling weapons and ammunition | 4 |
| 15 | Training course for officers of the Administrative Activity Unit of the Patrol Service of the Police of the Republic of Armenia, the Duty Service, personnel staff, and officers of the Legal Unit | 53 | The structure of "Glock 19 Gen5" pistol included in the armament of the Patrol Service, tactical and technical characteristics, principle of operation thereof. Examination of, care for and maintenance of "Glock 19 Gen5" pistol. Safety rules for handling the pistolPractical firing from "Glock 19 Gen5" pistol | 10 |