“Preventing and combating the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in ammunition”

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HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

ENFORCEMENT

Establishment of specialised units

- Illegal Firearm Investigation Unit (1993)

Establishment of the National Priority Violent Crime Bureau (2018)

- Firearm and Explosives Section
  - Illegal trafficking / manufacturing in ammunition
LEGISLATION

- Firearms Control Act
- Explosives Act
SHORTCOMINGS: DEFINITIONS

- 'Ammunition' means a primer or complete cartridge

- 'cartridge' means a complete object consisting of a cartridge case, primer, propellant and bullet
SHORTCOMINGS: TRACING

- Head stamps
- Packaging / Batch numbers
- Military surplus
RECOMMENDATION

- Harmonization of legislation and definitions, regionally and internationally