



Legal Framework to Implement International Non-Proliferation Rules and Norms in Switzerland

In cooperation with SECO and Labor Spiez

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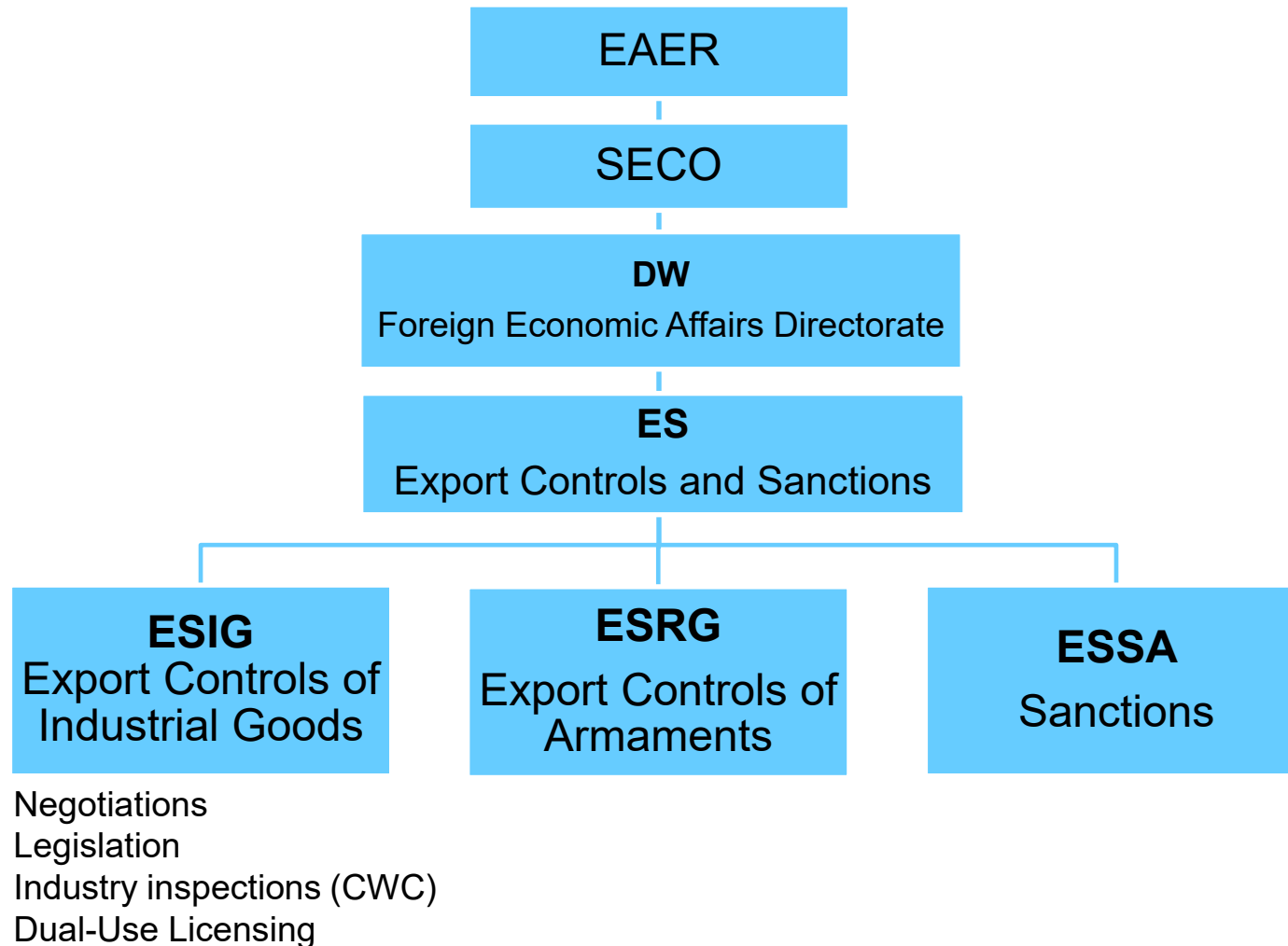


Agenda

1. SECO
2. Swiss National Authority CWC
3. International Treaties and Regimes (including the CWC)
4. Legal Implementation in Switzerland
5. Licensing of Dual-Use Goods (including chemicals)

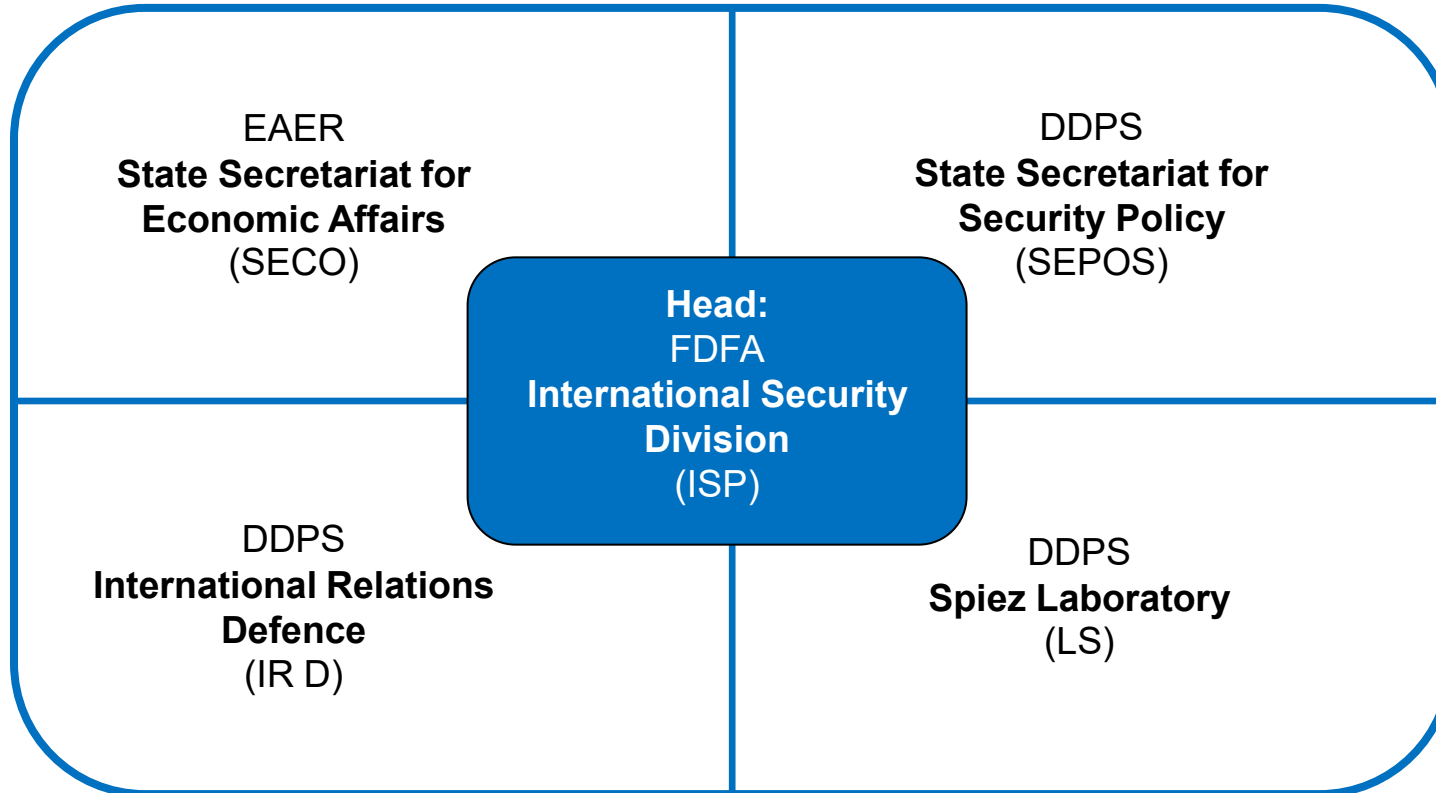


SECO: Export Controls and Sanctions



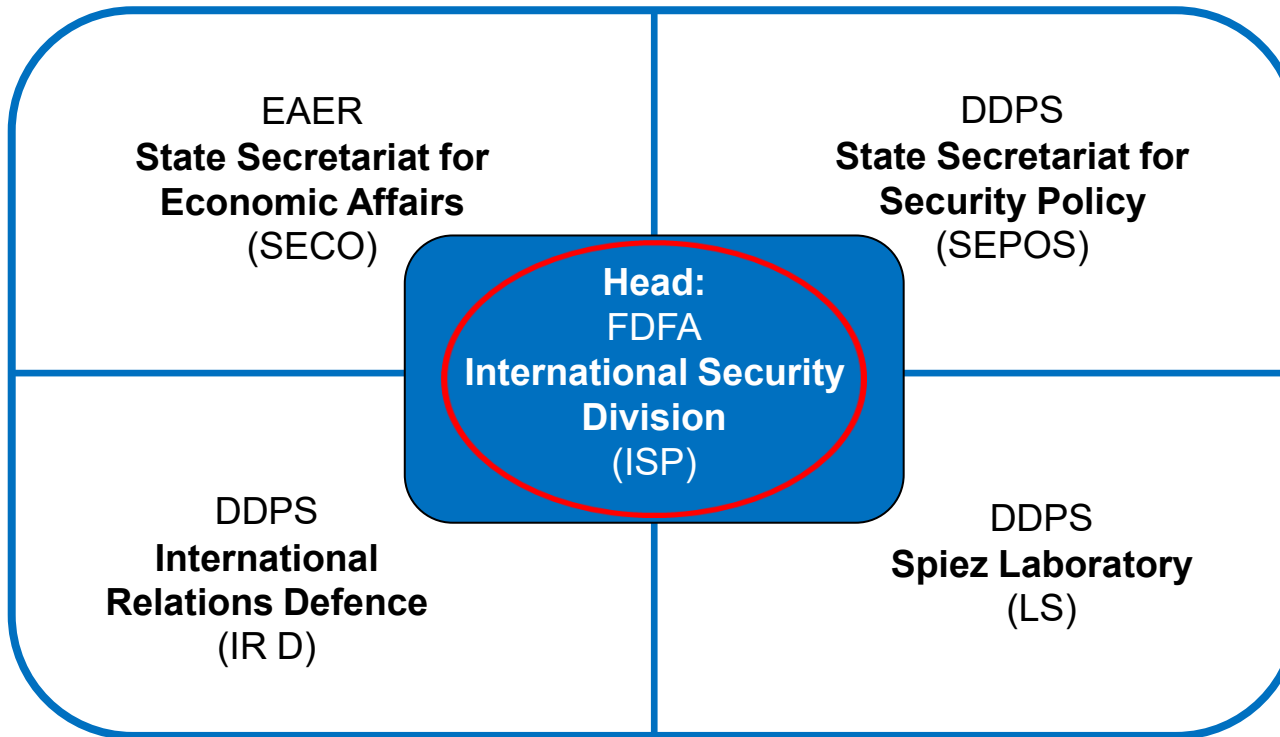


The Swiss National Authority CWC





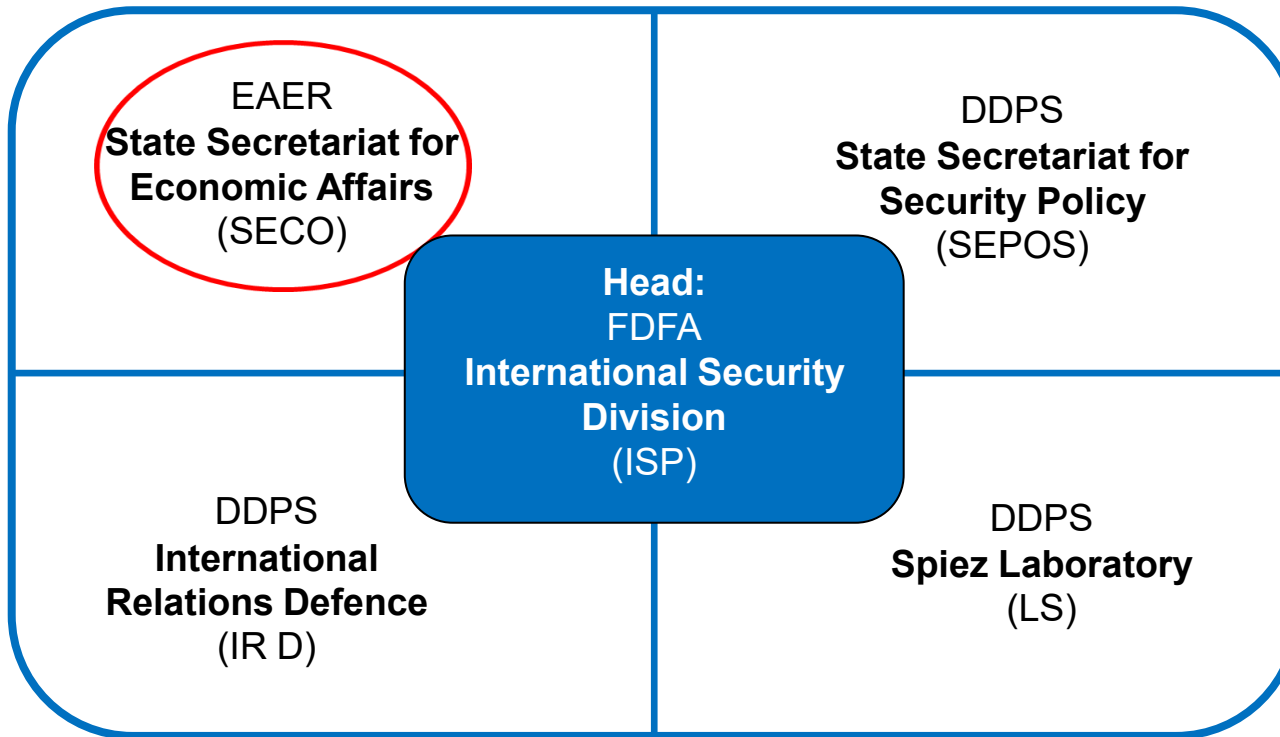
The Swiss National Authority CWC



- ISD in Bern (Heads the NA)
- Swiss Embassy in The Hague (Permanent representation to the OPCW)



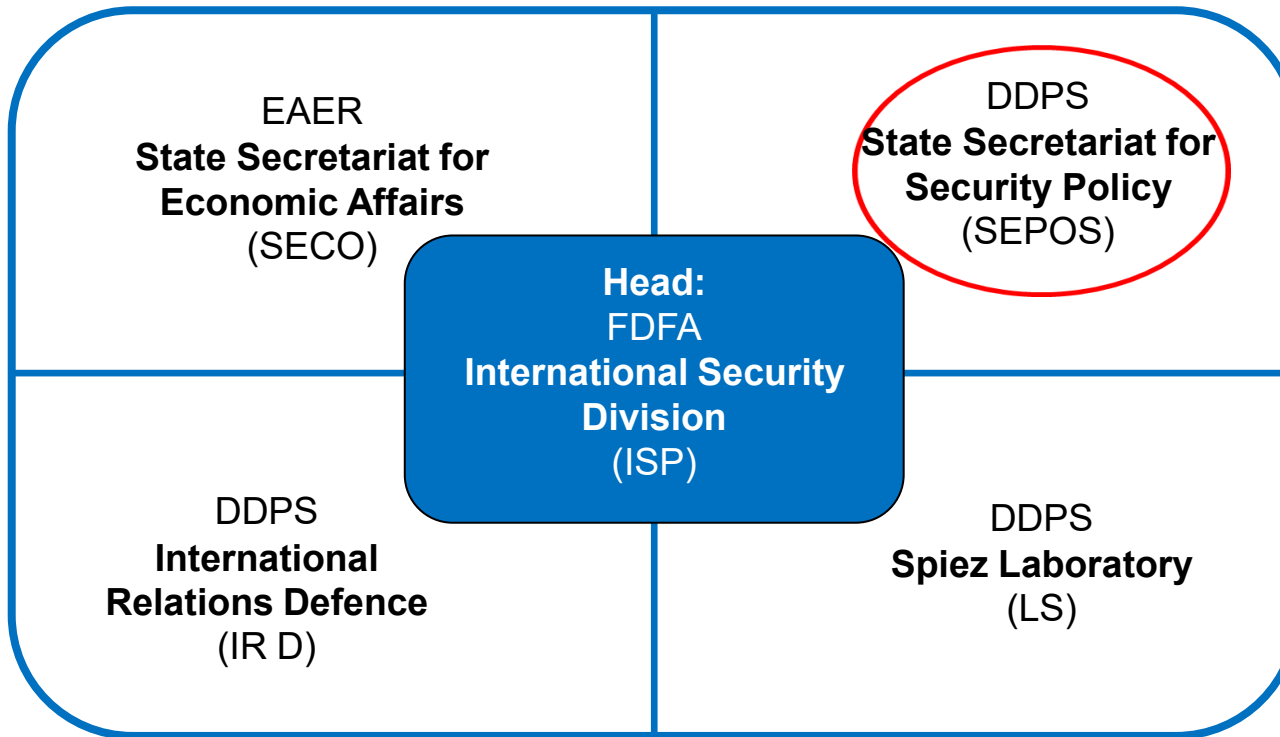
The Swiss National Authority CWC



- Responsible for legislation (e.g. Goods Control Act, Chemicals Control Ordinance)
- Lead in industry aspects of the CWC (e.g. inspections, industry cluster)
- Implementation of export control regulations (licensing)



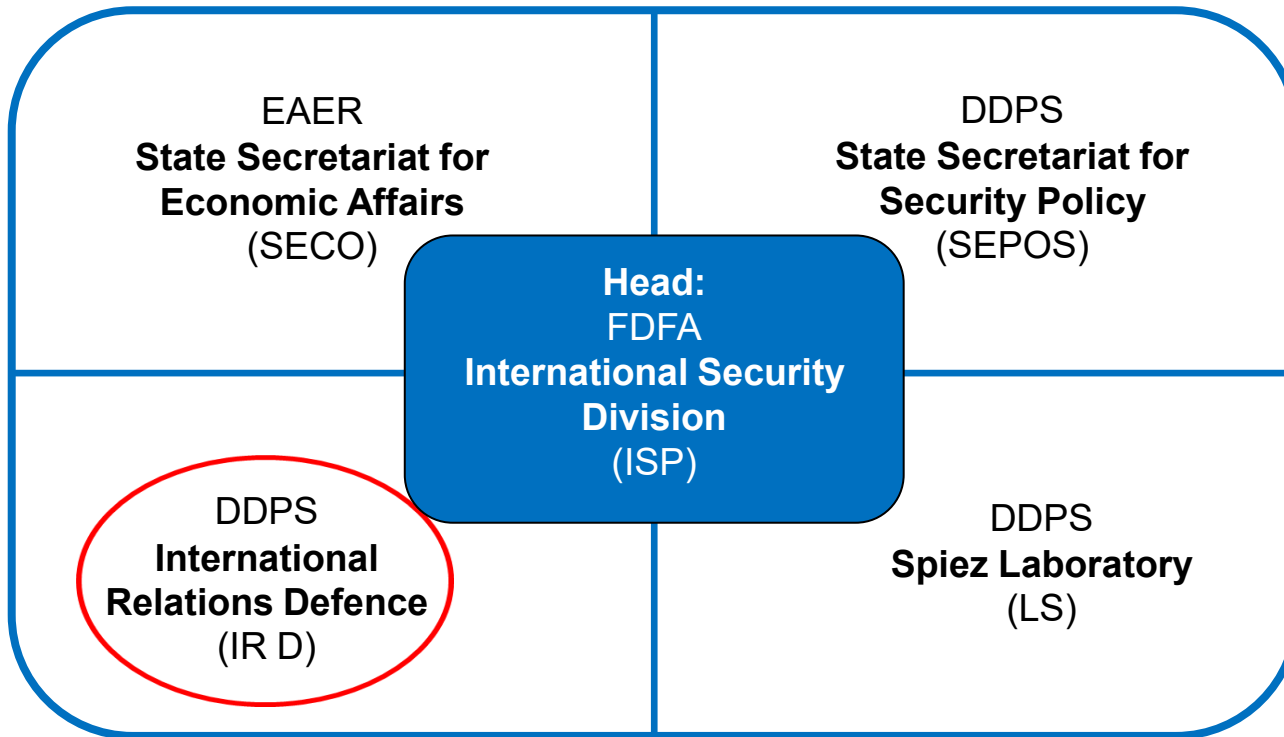
The Swiss National Authority CWC



- Technical assistance and training for other States Parties under Art. X (Assistance and Protection against Chemical Weapons)



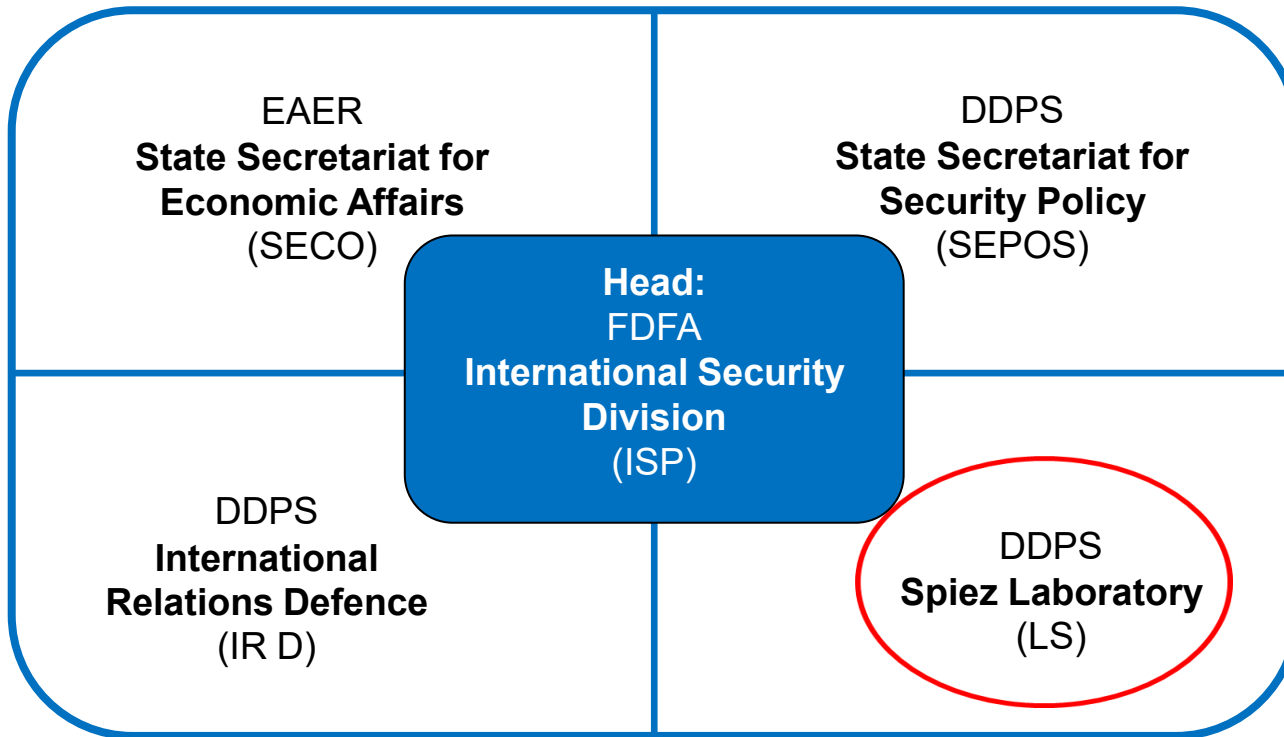
The Swiss National Authority CWC



- Head of the Escort Team for Schedule 1 Inspections
- Member of the Escort Team for OPCW industry Inspections



The Swiss National Authority CWC



- Provides technical advice to Swiss delegations and the NA (incl. on inspections)
- Reporting centre for all CWC chemical industry declarations

Support to OPCW

- Designated Laboratory
- OCAD data
- Ref. samples
- MOCK inspections
- etc.



International Treaties and Regimes

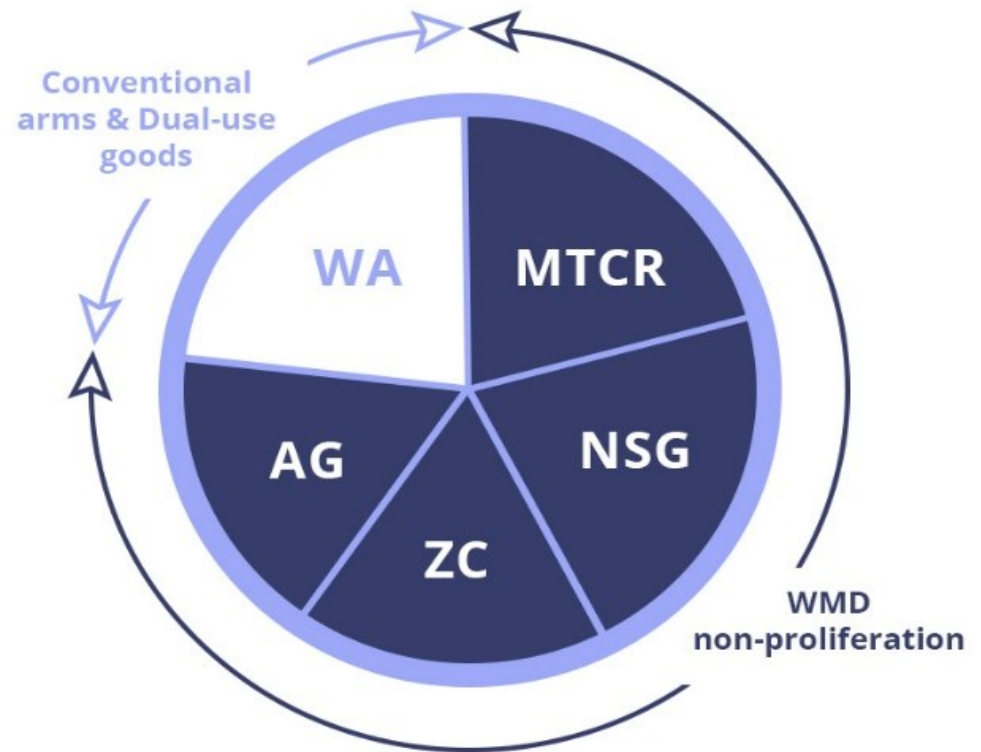
UNSCR 1540

NPT

Safeguards
Agreement

CWC

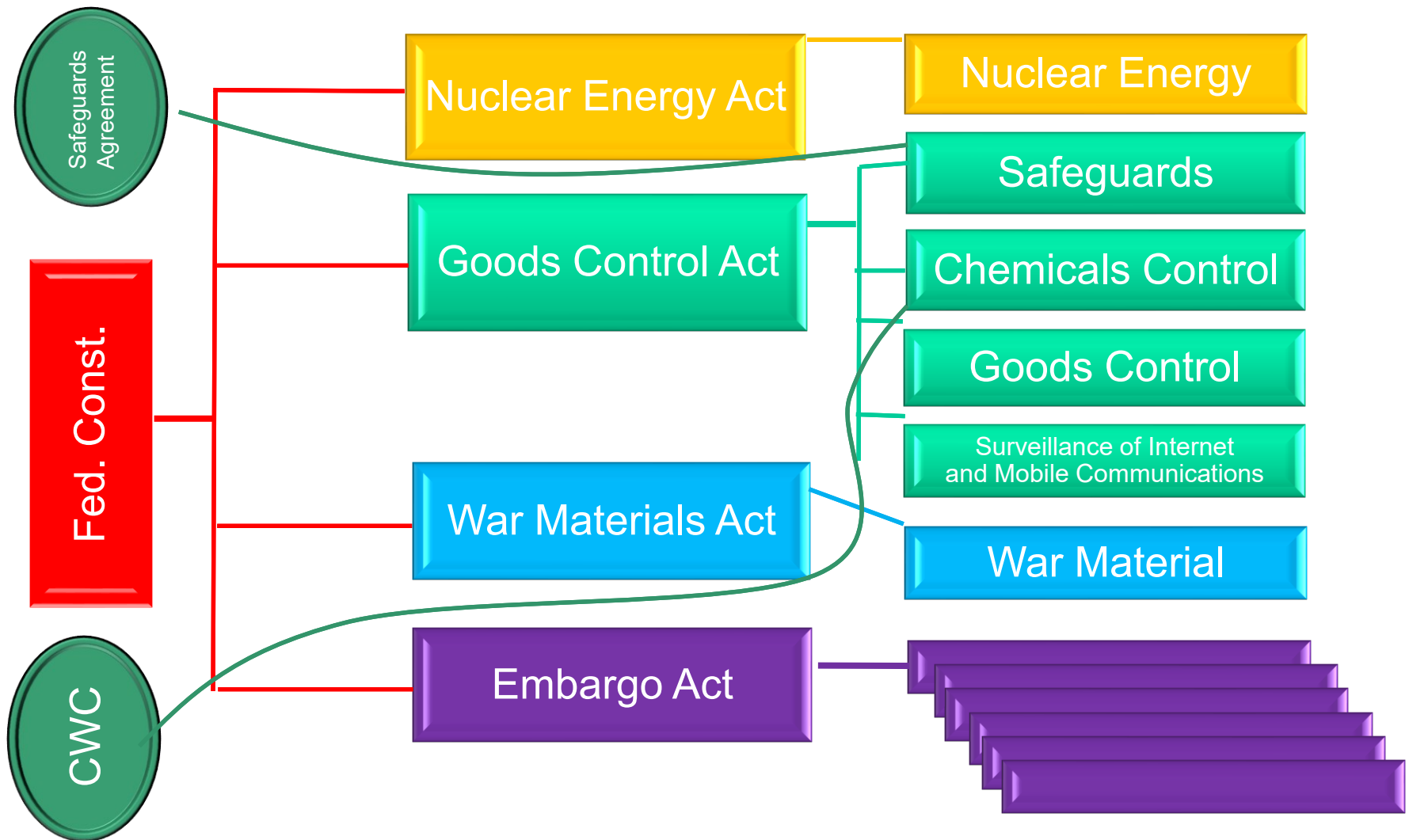
BWC



Bilateral Agreements



Swiss Legal Implementation





Goods Covered

Nuclear goods

Dual-Use goods

Specific military equipment

Strategic goods

Specific arms and explosives

Catch-all (WMD)



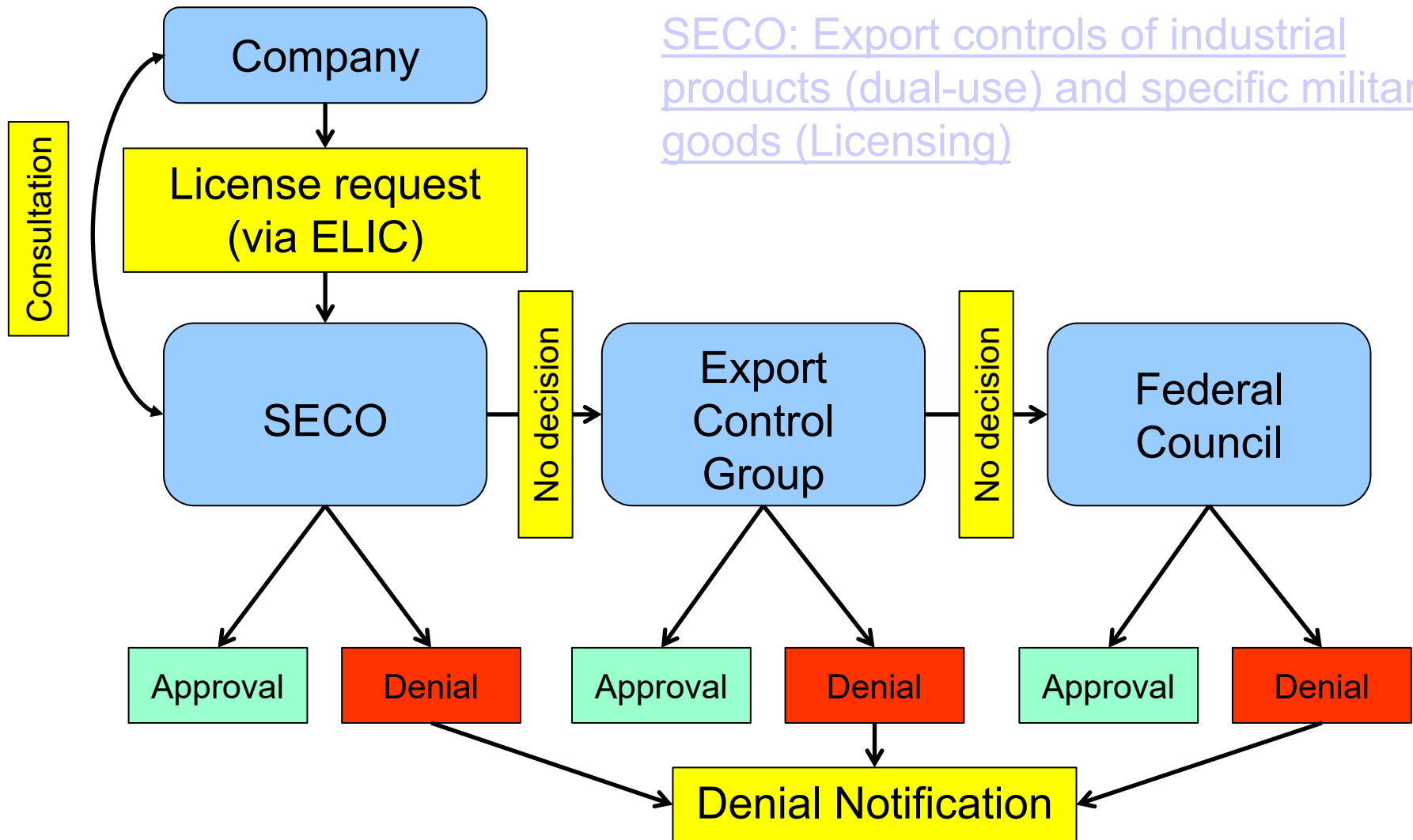
Legal Basis CWC: Chemicals Control Ordinance (ChCO)

ChCO	
Chapter 1	General provisions
Chapter 2	Responsibilities
Chapter 3	Prohibitions
Chapter 4	Licensing obligations
Chapter 5	Reporting obligations
Chapter 6	Inspection obligations
Chapter 7	Penalty provisions
Chapter 8	Final provisions
Annex:	Lists of chemicals (scheduled chemicals)



Licensing: Goods Control Act

SECO: Export controls of industrial products (dual-use) and specific military goods (Licensing)





How to identify listed chemicals

- Overview: [National Authority CWC Website](#)
- Annex of the Chemical Control Ordinance ([ChCO](#))
- [OPCW Scheduled Chemicals Database](#)
- Other international agreements: Annex 2 of the Goods Control Ordinance (GCO) → [SECO website](#)
- **Keep in mind:** reporting requirements (Spiez Laboratory) and licensing requirements (SECO) are separate requirements!

