

FACTSHEET

Who

- Sig Sauer Inc., with headquarters in Newington, is an affiliate company of Sig Sauer GmbH & Co. KG with headquarters in Emdestten, Germany. They are both part of the L&O Holding.

What

- \$266 million dollars Direct Commercial Sales (DCS) license agreement between Sig Sauer Inc. and the Mexican government. The agreement was communicated to the Department of State of the United States on March 25th, 2015.

How

- Direct Commercial Sales license agreements are negotiated between a foreign government and a U.S. company (Mexico – Sig Sauer Inc.). This type of agreement has less government oversight than Foreign Military Sales programs, which are negotiated government-to-government.
- The Department of State reviews the requests on a case-by-case basis in order to assess whether the arms transfer may contribute to human rights violations, violations of international humanitarian law or concerns that the armament may be diverted for use by criminal elements.

Content of the agreement

- Manufacturing of Sig Sauer pistols and refurbishment of existing inventory:
 - a) \$1.1 million dollar of the agreement is for defense services, technical data, tooling, fixtures, and other support equipment
 - b) \$265 million dollar is for firearms

Duration of the agreement

- From its approval, the license will be valid for four years (until March 2019)

Where

- The destiny of the arms transfer is the Mexican Secretariat of the Navy (SEMAR), Mexican Secretariat of National Defense (SEDENA) as well as the Federal and State police
- The agreement does not impose a geographical restriction on the weapons that may be exported to Mexico. All military and federal units, as well as the federal and local police approved the eligibility criteria for receiving the armament.

This document was elaborated with information from:

Security Assistance – securityassistance.org/
American Friends Service Committee, “Fact Sheet on Sig Sauer Arms Export to Mexico” –
[www.afsc.org/resource/fact-sheet-sig-sauer-arms-exports-to-mexico - _edn2](http://www.afsc.org/resource/fact-sheet-sig-sauer-arms-exports-to-mexico_-_edn2)

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