

October 26, 2009 Web Notice on Exports to the Republic of Guinea:

In response to recent events in the Republic of Guinea (Guinea), DDTC wishes to inform exporters that although there is no current U.S. or UN arms embargo on Guinea, the final decision on license applications for the export of U.S. Munitions List (USML) items to Guinea received from this date or currently in the review process may be delayed as the situation develops. License applications will continue to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, but approval should not be assumed. We encourage exporters to take the current situation into account and if applying for a new license to export or re-export USML items to Guinea, that the license application provide detailed information on the end-use and end-user of the USML items. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact the DDTC Response Team at DDTCResponseTeam@state.gov.

Below is the U.S. State Department statement on the events in Guinea:

29 September 2009

Statement on Situation in Guinea

U.S. condemns Guinean military's use of force against civilians

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Office of the Spokesman
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Situation in Guinea

The United States condemns the Guinean military's brazen and inappropriate use of force against civilians on September 28. According to reports, Presidential Guard troops opened fire on unarmed and peaceful demonstrators, killing at least 157 and injuring over 1,200. The military also stands accused of carrying out brutal rapes and sexual assaults on women demonstrators and bystanders during its rampage.

We demand the immediate release of opposition leaders and a return to civilian rule as soon as possible, a move that the Guinean people themselves continue to demand. The United States also insists that the National Council for Democracy and Development respect the commitments it has made and not field candidates in Guinea's upcoming elections.

The United States will continue to monitor the extralegal actions of the military and government as well as work with its international partners -- the International Contact Group on Guinea -- to support a peaceful transition in Guinea.

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