

Georgia

Legislative Basis

1. The issues of export of conventional weapons and technologies related to them are regulated by the following laws:

Criminal Code of Georgia:

- Decree # 408 of the President of Georgia, dated September 22, 2002, on Certain Measures for Settlement of Issues on Export, Re-export and Transit of Dual-Use Materials Subject to Export Control;
- Decree # 424 of the President of Georgia, dated July 4, 1999, on Certain Measures for Export Control of Dual-Use Materials (Technologies, Equipment, Service).

The issues of weapons of mass destruction and related technologies are regulated by the following provisions of the Criminal Code of Georgia:

Illicit export of technology, scientific-technical information or service for the production of weapons of mass destruction or military equipment, their transportation, whereon special export control is imposed shall be punishable by fine or imprisonment ranging from three to five years in length.

In compliance with Article 406, the crime against the mankind consists in "production, purchase or sale of the chemical, biological or other weapons of mass destruction prohibited under the International Treaties that Georgia is party to" and shall carry legal consequences of imprisonment ranging from eight to fifteen years in length.

Besides the aforesaid, the analogous provisions are included into the Law of Georgia on Guarantees and Promotion of the Activities on Investments.

According to Article 9 of the Law, it is prohibited to invest:

- a) Development, production and proliferation of nuclear, bacteriological and chemical weapons and
- b) Creation of testing areas for nuclear, bacteriological and chemical weapons

In addition to the above-mentioned, Georgia is a party to the following international agreements and convention:

Convention on Processing and Production of Bacteriological, Biological and Toxic Weapons and Accumulation and Disposal of their Supplies;

Relevant **Bilateral Agreements:**

Agreement between the Department of Defence of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defence of Georgia on Cooperation in the Sphere of Spread of Technologies, Pathogens and Information Related to Development of Biological Weapons