

Specific rules for Category 1 to facilitate the storage of weapons, ammunition and other equipment in secured facilities and their transportation to the operational areas

Extraordinary Management Board Meeting
3 - 4 March, Warsaw, Poland



Legal basis

- Article 82 of the EBCG Regulation 2.0;

Frontex statutory staff of the European Border and Coast Guard Standing Corps (Category 1) can perform their tasks during the deployment, which may require the use of force, including carrying and use of service weapons.

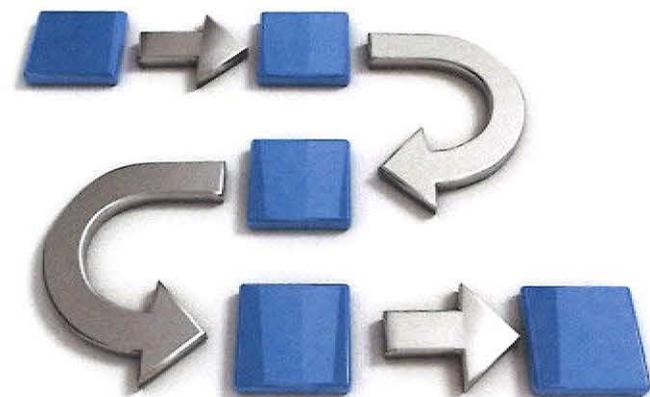
- Article 55 (5) c of the EBCG Regulation 2.0;

Establish specific rules to be adopted by the Management Board to facilitate the storage of weapons, ammunition and other equipment in secured facilities and their transportation to the operational areas



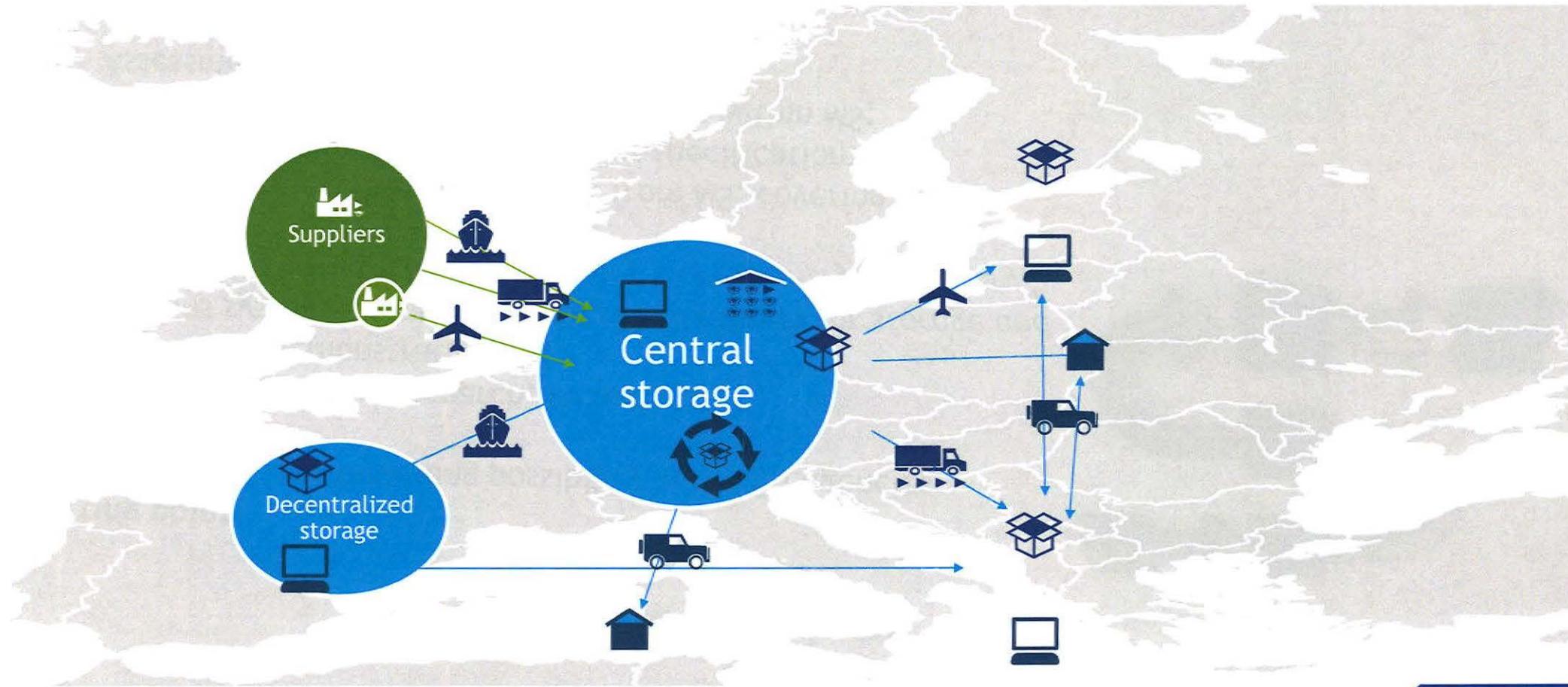
Methodology

- Starting point;
 - no significant benchmarking possibility in the EU agencies;
- Frontex made extensive research, including:
 - Survey which demonstrated that:
“Weapons systems, conditions and requirements for storage and transportation are different and vary from country to country”
 - Workshop with experts on weapons from MS, covering;
 - technical aspects for proper tender specification;
 - best practices in the relevant processes within MS;
 - Assessment of possible risks.
- Frontex engaged **external expert** on national regulatory framework;
- Frontex hired a law firm to provide written legal opinion.



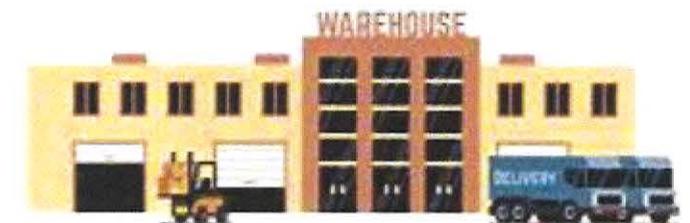
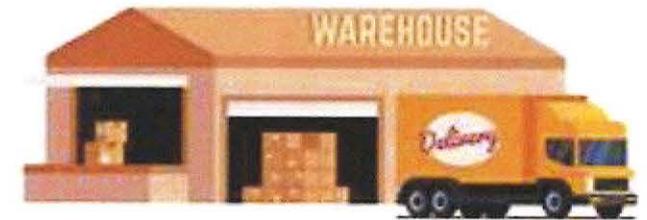
Structure of the storage system

Centralised and decentralised warehousing



Premises

- Storage facilities will need premises;
 - Frontex property or;
 - Premises leased by Frontex;
- In some specific cases - resources provided by host country, may be used.



Security of storage facilities

- Storage facilities established:
 - In compliance with the national regulatory basis;
 - Following the best established standards for law enforcement;
- Following the principles of;
 - Effective storage risk assessment;
 - Separate storage of firearms from ammunitions;
 - Access control and perimeter security;



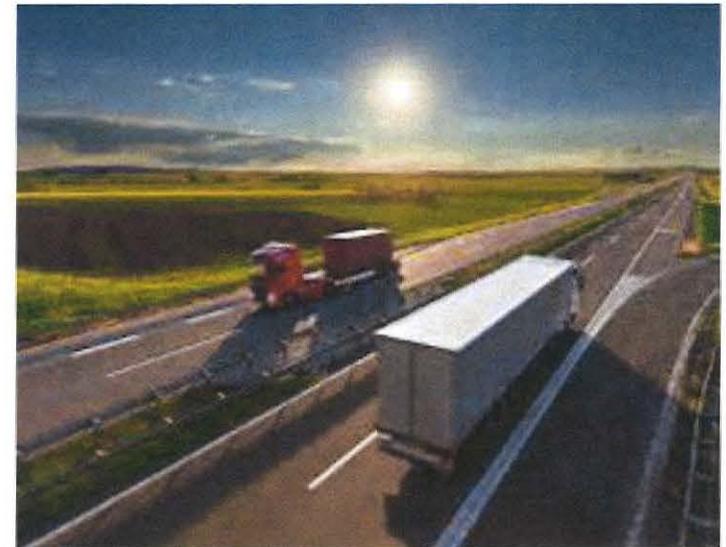
Functionality and maintenance of the storage system

- Stockpile, including;
 - Operational weapons;
 - Operational reserve;
 - Replacement reserve
- Inventory and data filing;
- Human resources



Transportation

- Appliance of the highest international standards and national regulatory bases;
- Movement and circulation:
 - from the central warehouse to the field and back;
 - Across operational areas.
- Capacity for transportation of weapons;
 - part of the FWC for delivery of weapons or
 - specific contractual capacity established;



MS engagement

- MS support foresees an opportunity in cooperation with the relevant Supervisory Committee (Weapon Inspection Committee) to:
 - establish the Agency's storage facilities in the operational areas;
 - store weapons where such facilities do not exist;
 - support Frontex in relation with the transport and transit of weapons, ammunition and other equipment;
- Agreements between the Agency and the Member States (Model Agreements).



Indicative timeline for MB decision on storage of weapons

Action	Date
First presentation at Pooled Resources Network meeting	10 February 2020 (done)
Presentation at the extraordinary Management Board meeting	3-4 March 2020
Presentation of draft MB decision at Pooled Resources Network meeting	10 March 2020
Presentation of draft decision to the Management Board	25-26 March 2020
Presentation of draft final text at the Pooled Resources Network meeting	6 May 2020 (TBC)
Expected adoption of the decision by the Management Board	17-18 June 2020

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