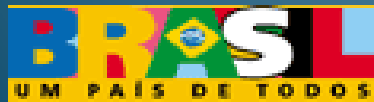


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# Ensuring security does not hamper cooperation

## The Brazilian Experience

- Broad public health network
- Research laboratories, vaccine production facilities
- Human, Animal and Plant Health

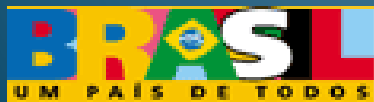
# Challenges

- Security controls must be enforced
- they must not have any negative effect on scientific and technological development
- Main goal: assuring the right to quality public health care
- How can we implement the appropriate security controls and procedures without hampering development and cooperation?

- security can only be achieved with proper dialog with relevant actors
- Pronabens is a program that allows us to:
  - raise awareness
  - gather information on what health professionals and researchers deem appropriate when it comes to security
  - identify which security measures are effective and do not hamper research and cooperation

# PRONABENS

Brazilian National Program for the promotion of dialogue between the Private Sector and the Government in matters related to Sensitive Assets



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## National Program for Public-Private Sector Collaboration on Sensitive Items

Jointly developed by the Ministry of Science and Technology (MCT) and the Brazilian Intelligence Agency (ABIN).

PRONABENS conducts outreach activities involving industries, research centers and governmental bodies whose activities are related to sensitive and/or dual-use assets and technologies.



# National Program for Public-Private Sector Collaboration on Sensitive Items

## Goals

- To raise awareness and inform about international obligations deriving from non-proliferation conventions and regimes (i.e., BWC and UNSC Resolution 1540), and to stress the importance of working with the Government.
- To inform business and scientific communities of governmental controls in the area of non-proliferation of WMD.



# National Program for Public-Private Sector Collaboration on Sensitive Items

## Goals

- To publish and publicize updated lists of sensitive goods.
- To detect, in advance, the potential occurrence of any attempt to illicitly transfer controlled sensitive goods.
- To improve government controls regarding transfers of sensitive goods and dual use technologies.





# National Program for Public-Private Sector Collaboration on Sensitive Items

How does it work?

- ❖ Technical visits to industries, research centers and governmental bodies that develop activities related to sensitive goods.
- ❖ National Conferences on Sensitive Items.



# National Program for Public-Private Sector Collaboration on Sensitive Items

## Pronabens' Visits

- MCT and ABIN officials.
- Presentations on the disarmament and non-proliferation conventions and regimes of which Brazil is a member.
- Presentations about national legislation and controls in place for each specific area of concern.
- Raising awareness about the interest of non-State actors in the acquisition of sensitive goods.



# National Program for Public-Private Sector Collaboration on Sensitive Items

## Advantages of the Program

- Low costs and practical logistics.
- “In loco” observation and direct contact with professionals who deal with sensitive goods.
- Open and direct channel between industry, academia and governmental bodies (industry becomes a State ally).
- Detection of eventual control gaps.



# National Program for Public-Private Sector Collaboration on Sensitive Items

## Biological Area

Visits to research institutions, universities, public health laboratories, crop dusting companies, microorganism banks, bio-industries etc.

## Main results

- Information and awareness-raising.
- Publication of Brazilian List of Biological Sensitive Items, with the collaboration of Brazilian experts.
- Inter-ministerial Working Group on biosecurity.

# Conclusions

- Controls X research and cooperation
- Professionals must participate in the development of controls
- Raising awareness: main security strategy
- International cooperation : controls AND exchange of knowledge, assets and technologies
- Cooperation: best and safest way to guarantee preparedness to face and overcome threats.



# National Program for Public-Private Sector Collaboration on Sensitive Items

Thank you!

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