The safety and storage of antipersonnel stockpile in FRANCE

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Context:
- Ottawa Convention ratified by France on July 23rd 1998
- National AP stockpile destruction achieved in December 1999
- Authorization to keep a maximum of 5000 AP mines for tests on demining technologies and for instruction of demining experts
- Storage of these AP mines managed by ETBS (Technical Establishment of Bourges)
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- French national actions:
  - Setting of a National Commission for Elimination of Antipersonnel Mines (CNEMA)
  - Setting of rigorous procedures for safety and storage of AP mines
  - France annual report (in April) to the Secretary-General to United Nations concerning the state of French AP stockpile
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- Stockpile control procedures:
  - ETBS monthly draws up the situation of AP stockpile concerning:
    - mines in stock in ETBS
    - mines temporarily attributed
    - mines definitively attributed (to French organism or country signatory of Ottawa Convention)
    - mines used during trials in ETBS experimental range
    - mines waiting for destruction in ETBS range
    - modification of total stock compared to last month
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- mines in stock in ETBS in May 2002:

Listing extract:

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Total number of mines in ETBS stockpile: 4456
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Procedure for temporary attribution of AP mines
(Stock item outside ETBS)

Addressee: 

Place of mines: 

Correspondent: 
Tel /Fax: 

Date of disposal: 
Date of end of temporary attribution: 

Designation of mine: 
Lot: 
Attributed quantity: 
Restitution (quantity, date): 
Destruction (quantity, date): 
Send destruction report to ETBS 
Transport (name, date): 

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Procedure for definitive attribution of AP mines to French organism or country signatory of Ottawa Convention (Stock item outside ETBS)

Addressee:

Place of mines:
Precise purpose of definitive attribution:
Date of disposal:

Correspondent:
Tel /Fax:
Designation of mine:
Lot:
Attributed quantity:
Destruction (quantity, date):
Supply destruction report to ETBS
Transport (name, date):
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Procedure for AP mines used during trials in ETBS experimental range

Request (date, visa):  Date(s) of utilisation:
Precise purpose of trials:  
Trials site:  

Customer:  

Designation of mine:  
Lot:  
Requested quantity:  
Used quantity:  
Quantity transferred back to the stock:
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- Storage safety for AP mines
  - Storage in « igloos » respecting safety rules for ammunition storage
    - group 1.1 for mines with blast effects
    - group 1.2 for mines with splinter effects
  - Absolute ban on bringing AP mines in or out the igloos without the agreement of the AP stock manager
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