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# 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 temporary 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:

Serial number of mine	Reference of mine	Lot number	Stored quantity
342099147007	MINE AP PROM.1 SANS A	NL	2
342000080002	MINE AP PROM KD	NL	2
342099033005	MINE AP VALMARA 69(V6	NL	1
342000146001	MINE AP VAR 40	NL	1
342000146002	MINE AP YM-1	NL	3
342099033004	MINE AP VALMARA 69(V6	NL	2
342099033009	MINE AP VS.50 SANS DET	NL	2

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 :**

**Date of disposal :**

**Tel /Fax:**

**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:

Correspondent :

Date of disposal :

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:

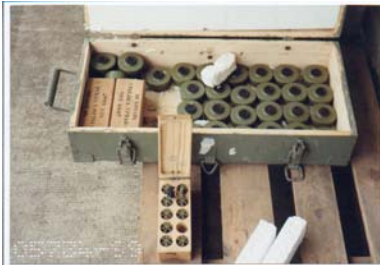
Used quantity:

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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