#### **CHECKLIST**

#### For reporting according to Regulation (EU) 1233/2011

Below follows data for the two Swedish export credit organizations, EKN and SEK.

The export financing system for Sweden has two main components: The Swedish Export Credits Guarantee Board (EKN) and the Swedish Export Credit Corporation (SEK). EKN and SEK have similar mandates to promote Swedish exports but differ in organizational structure and services offered. EKN insures the credit risk and SEK refinances the export credits. EKN covers political and commercial risks in connection with export transactions and political risks in connection with investments abroad. The purpose of SEK is to finance exports of Swedish capital goods and services. EKN is a government agency and SEK is a state owned company with limited liability incorporated under Swedish laws.

I. Reporting country information

Reporting Country	Sweden
Submission Date	2016-06-01
Reporting Institution (Government	EKN (the Swedish Export Credits Guarantee
Department, ECA)	Board)
	SEK (Swedish Export Credit Corporation)

II. Reporting country legal and policy information

Mandate/Legal status of ECA	EKN is a government agency that supports Swedish exports and the internationalisation of Swedish industry.
	SEK is a wholly state owned corporation.
Officially supported export credit	EKN offers guarantees (pure cover).
programs(in the sense of Article 5 of the	
OECD Arrangement) during reporting	SEK provides refinancing.
period	
Annual reports available on reporting year	EKN's Annual Report is published and is also
	available on EKN's website, www.ekn.se.
	SEK's annual report including sustainability report is available on <a href="https://www.sek.se">www.sek.se</a> .

## III. Information on the reporting Member State's Export Credit policies:

General presentation of the reporting MS'	EKN's policy and guidelines for corporate
policies on export credits, including all	responsibility in the issuing of guarantees
information that can help the Commission	
in carrying out its evaluation regarding the	Policy
compliance of the Export Credit Agencies	EKN shall promote corporate responsibility in
with EU objectives and obligations <sup>1</sup> (in the	export transactions and investments. In all of
sense of Article 3, Annex 1 of EU	its activities EKN shall consider the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EP side suggested to use such a phrase (to ensure that it is not forgotten that the Regulation's official reference is to "EU objectives and obligations").

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environment, human rights and working conditions. EKN shall also promote sustainable lending to poor countries and prevent corruption.

#### **Guidelines**

EKN shall support transactions with an acceptable environmental and social impact, which are free of corruption and that do not impede poor countries' social and economic development. EKN shall refrain from taking part in transactions for which the conditions are not acceptable, or if the necessary information is not received or expected to be received.

EKN shall not guarantee transactions, whose main and primary purpose is tax evasion. Furthermore, EKN shall not guarantee transactions whose purpose is to improperly withhold taxes. In applicable situations, EKN can require increased tax transparency.

EKN shall undertake continuous dialogue with customers, the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and other stakeholders concerning corporate responsibility in order to share experience, gain a deeper understanding of how others work in this area, and contribute to sustainable global development.

EKN shall adhere to the principles of the UN's Global Compact, the OECD's Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN's Guiding Principles on business and human rights. EKN encourages all companies to apply the aforementioned principles. EKN cooperates closely with customers and other stakeholders to ensure that relevant principles are applied to EKN's transactions.

EKN shall regularly follow up its corporate responsibility work. The results shall be communicated both externally and internally. EKN has a whistleblower mechanism to reveal non-conformance with the policy.

# **Environment, human rights and working conditions**

EKN's guidelines for the environment, human rights and working conditions are based on the Common Approaches for Officially Supported Export Credits and Environmental and Social Due Diligence.

EKN shall assess the risk of, and the opportunities to prevent, any adverse impact on the environment, human rights and working conditions in individual projects, in buyer companies and in their surroundings. For transactions with a high potential risk of adverse impact EKN will perform a deeper assessment and, as required, follow up during the lifetime of the transaction, according to specific guidelines. The scope and design of the investigation will be matched to the extent of financing, the level of identified risks and EKN's opportunities to influence the situation. EKN applies IFC Performance Standards as well as the World Bank's and IFC's guidelines for the environment, health and safety to assess acceptable impact.

In EKN's guidelines, environmental impacts are impacts on the climate, air, water, soil, resource efficiency, biodiversity, sensitive natural habitats and cultural areas, as well as the influence of environmental impacts on people and society.

EKN shall take all human rights into consideration. There is special emphasis on the rights that are linked to business impacts. This concerns, for example, business impact on health and safety in the surroundings, as well as on involuntary displacement, indigenous people, cultural heritage areas and freedom on the Internet. EKN pays special attention to transactions in conflict areas and in countries and sectors with a high risk of human rights violations.

Working conditions are primarily assessed in terms of the risk of child labour, forced labour, discrimination, occupational health and safety, and the right to freedom of association and to collective bargaining.

### **Anti-corruption**

EKN's anti-corruption guidelines are based on the OECD Recommendation on Bribery and Officially Supported Export Credits, as well as Swedish legislation.

Swedish anti-bribery legislation must be followed in EKN's transactions. EKN shall actively manage corruption risk and have a system to identify transactions with a risk of

corruption. Transactions with a risk corruption must be subject to more detailed control. Guarantee applicants must undertake not to be involved in any form of bribery in the transaction, and to provide information on remuneration to agents. For transactions where the exporter is the guarantee holder, EKN will declare the guarantee to be non-binding if an exporter is convicted of bribery. Irrespective of whether the exporter is the guarantee holder or not, if indemnification is paid, EKN will require compensation from the exporter for an equivalent amount, as well as compensation for any other costs and expenses incurred by EKN due to the exporter's conviction of bribery.

If there is reason to suspect bribery or other misconduct in a transaction where EKN is involved, the National Anti-corruption Unit of the Swedish Prosecution Authority must be informed of the suspicions. The application must be suspended, pending the prosecutor's decision, or alternatively rejected

EKN does not undertake transactions whereby obviously corrupt structures have given the buyer clear advantages over its competitors.

#### **Sustainable lending**

EKN's guidelines for sustainable lending are based on the OECD Principles and Guidelines to Promote Sustainable Lending Practices in the Provision of Official Export Credits to Low Income Countries. The OECD agreement stipulates that in their lending and guarantee business, the members shall observe the principles for sustainable lending. This means that EKN must take account of any restrictions concerning concessionary lending on which the low-income country in question has reached agreement with the IMF and/or World Bank. The transactions shall also be productive and contribute to the country's social and economic development, for EKN to be able to support them. The policy comprises the provision of guarantees that increases the lowincome country's public indebtedness, either directly or indirectly.

**SEK** is a signatory of UN Global Compact and discloses its sustainability work in a sustainability report in accordance with the GRI

G4 - Core and in a yearly Communication on Progress.

SEK's policy for sustainable financing includes due diligence with respect to environment, social (including human rights), business ethics and

anti-corruption. The policy is aligned with OECD Common Approaches. SEK has guidelines, routines and relevant tools for evaluating the above risks which is described in detail in the annual report.

Special information on the following policies:

a) Yes, EKN and SEK apply the Common Approaches.

#### 1) Environment:

- <u>a</u>) Do you apply the OECD Recommendation on Common Approaches to the Environment and Officially Supported Export Credits?
- (its successor instrument the OECD Recommendation on Common Approaches on Officially Supported Export Credits and Environmental and Social Due Diligence?)
- b) EKN and SEK also carry out environmental screening of transactions not covered by the Common Approaches, i. e. these are applied beyond the scope defined by the OECD. Transactions with environmental risk are further assessed.

#### b) any other relevant information

- 2) Human rights:
- a) Do you apply the Human Rights related aspects of the

Recommendation on Common Approaches, on Officially Sup

Approaches, on Officially Supported Export Credits and Environmental and Social Due Diligence?

b) Any other relevant information?

- a) Yes, EKN and SEK apply the Human Rights aspects of the Common Approaches.
- b) In addition to Common Approaches EKN, in accordance with EKN's policy for Corporate responsibility screens both projects and existing operations irrespective of the transaction size. Transactions with inherent labour and human rights risks are further assessed.

In addition to Common Approaches, SEK screens all transactions with respect human rights. Transactions in high risk countries/sectors are further assessed.

- 3) Anti-Bribery measures:
- a) Do you apply the OECD Recommendation on Bribery and Officially Supported Export Credits?
- b) Any other relevant information?
- a) Yes, EKN and SEK apply the Recommendation on Bribery.
- b) EKN goes beyond the Recommendation and applies it on both the public and private sector, identifies high risk transactions for further assessments and acts also in situations where the buyer is exposed to corruption allegations. For transactions where the exporter is the guarantee holder, EKN will declare the guarantee to be

	non-binding if an exporter is convicted of bribery. Irrespective of whether the exporter is the guarantee holder or not, if indemnification is paid, EKN will require compensation from the exporter for an equivalent amount, as well as compensation for any other costs and expenses incurred by EKN due to the exporter's conviction of bribery.  SEK has the right to cancel the credit if corruption is revealed in the export transaction. SEK is a member of Transparency International Sweden Business group and has an anticorruption program in place since 2012. The program includes an external whistleblower system which could be used both internally and externally.
4) Sustainable Lending Practices: a) Do you apply the OECD Principles and Guidelines to Promote Sustainable Lending Practices in the Provision of Official Export Credits to Low Income Countries?	a) Yes, EKN and SEK apply the OECD Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Lending.
h) Any other relevant information?	
b) Any other relevant information?  5) Other policies	For EKN's policy on Corporate Responsibility, please see above. EKN also has policies to assess the owners of the company.  SEK has policies, analytical system support and routines to combat money laundry and financing of terrorism.

## **IV.** Annual Activity Report data:

Explanatory note:

"MS shall report, in accordance with their national legislative framework, on assets and liabilities, claims paid and recoveries, new commitments, exposures and premium charges." From Regulation 1233/2011, Annex 1.

Member States that have more than one ECA should do one single integrated report (reporting obligation is on the Member State as such, not the ECA). Where a MS offers at the same time different types of products (pure cover and direct lending), the reporting under chapter IV should however differentiate.

A) In case of official support is provided in the form of export credit guarantee or insurance ("pure cover") in the sense of Art 5 a 1) OECD Arrangement:<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Member States not using EUR should report the figures in their national currency and in EUR.

(Exchange rate: 1 EUR = 9,135 SI	EK)
Overview of assets	EKN: 34,378 SEK million (EUR 3,763 million)
	SEK: 280,411 SEK million (EUR 30,696 million)
Overview of liabilities	EKN: Capital 23,252 SEK million (EUR 2,544 million) Provisions 10,109 SEK million (EUR 1,107 million) Other 965 SEK million (EUR 106 million) Accruals and deferrals 52 SEK million (EUR 6 million) Total: 34,378 SEK million (EUR 3,763 million)  SEK: Capital 16,828 SEK million (EUR 1,842 million) Provisions 39 SEK million (EUR 4 million) Other 261,456 SEK million (EUR 28,621 million) Accruals and deferrals 2,088 SEK million (EUR 229 million) Total: 280,411 SEK million (EUR 30,696 million)
Aggregate nominal risk exposure  • 01-01-2015  • 31-12-2015	EKN: 300,059 SEK million (EUR 32,847 million) and 287,118 SEK million (EUR 31,431 million)  SEK: 370,300 SEK million (EUR 38,915 million) and 326,200 SEK million (EUR 35,709 million)
<ul> <li>a.) nominal risk exposure under insurance policies issued</li> <li>01-01-2015</li> <li>31-12-2015</li> </ul>	EKN: 174,245 SEK million (EUR 19,074 million) and 214,134 SEK million (EUR 23,441 million)
<ul> <li>b.) nominal risk exposure under promises and notices of cover</li> <li>01-01-2015</li> <li>31-12-2015</li> <li>Premium Income</li> </ul>	EKN: 125,814 SEK million (EUR 13,773 million) and 72,984 SEK million (EUR 7,990 million)  EKN: 4,658 SEK million (EUR 510 million)
Recoveries	EKN: 333 SEK million (EUR 37 million)
Claims paid	EKN: 476 SEK million (EUR 52 million)
B) In case official support is provide	ed in the form of Official Financing Support in

the sense of Arti	cle 5a2) OECD Arrangement:
Overview of assets	SEK: 45,752 SEK million (EUR 5,008 million)
Overview of liabilities:	SEK: 45,752 SEK million (EUR 5,008 million)
a) nominal value of officially supported	SEK: 4,377 SEK million (EUR 4,979 million)
loan portfolio	and 43,128 SEK million (EUR 4,721 million)
• 01-01-2015	
• 31-12-2015	
b) total value of off balance commitments <sup>3</sup>	
• 01-01-2015	SEK: 57,361 SEK million (EUR 6,028 million)
• 31-12-2015	including binding offers of 49,833 SEK million
	(EUR 5,237 million)
	56,911 SEK million (EUR 6,230 million)
	including binding offers of 2,273 SEK million
	(EUR 249 million)
Interest received	SEK: 1,222 SEK million (EUR 134 million)
Annual profit/loss	SEK: 164 SEK million (profit) (EUR 18 million)

# V. Contingent liabilities

Where contingent liabilities might arise	EKN: None
from officially supported export credit	
activities, those activities shall be	SEK: None
reported:	

# V. Evaluation and incorporation of environmental risks

Environmental risks:	
a) Number/exposure of transactions Category A	In 2015 EKN had 2 Category A projects based on the OECD Common Approaches definition and reported to the OECD. In addition, 10 transactions beyond the scope of Common Approaches were classified as Category A.  In 2015 SEK financed 2 Category A projects based on the OECD Common Approaches definition.
b) Number/exposure of transactions Category B	In 2015 EKN had 3 Category B projects based on the OECD Common Approaches definition and reported to the OECD.  In 2015 SEK financed 3 Category B projects based on the OECD Common Approaches definition.
How are environmental risks, which can carry other relevant risks, taken into account in the officially supported export credit activities?	At EKN environmental, social and human rights risk screening and review is part of the total assessment of a transaction/project. These risks must be acceptable and manageable before EKN offers a guarantee.  At SEK, ethical, environmental, social and

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Interpreted as approved but not yet completed transactions.

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all lending transactions. These risks ar important parts of a credit decision at SEK' Credit Committee and must be acceptable an manageable before SEK accepts a credit.
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