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In August 2012, Small Arms Survey, in partnership with the Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement in the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM/WRA), released a third set of small arms informational playing cards, the Marking, Record Keeping and Tracing Implementation Support Cards. The previously released cards focused on small arms identification (available in English and Spanish) and physical security and stockpile management (available in English and Serbian).

The new cards are designed to provide general knowledge of the International Tracing Instrument. One of the playing cards describes ITI as “designed to facilitate the successful tracing of small arms and light weapons (SA/LW) used in crime and armed conflict.” Other cards have information regarding marking identification, record-keeping and implementation of ITI in different countries.

According to Martin Field, the communications officer at SAS, the cards are of interest to workers involved in weapons manufacturing, removal, tracing, record-keeping, policy making and law enforcement.

All three sets of cards are available free of charge. Please contact sas@smallarmssurvey.org for more information.

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