



SURVEY ON MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE ARCHIVES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

(Please, if you need more space for comments, add supplementary sheets)

Country Sweden

Name of institution Krigsarkivet /The Military Archives of Sweden

Parent institution Riksarkivet / The National Archives of Sweden

(Is your institution part of the Ministry of Culture or of another Ministry, or is under the authority of the Prime Minister, etc.?)

1) Do the following bodies transfer their archives to the National Archives or do they run their own independent historical archives (or neither)? (for Intelligence Agencies, please add as many entries as you need)

	They transfer their archives to the NA	They run their own independent historical archives	They do not make their archives available to researchers
Army, Navy, Air Force	Yes		
Ministry of Defence	Yes	Yes	
<u>Intelligence Agencies:</u>	Yes, to some extent		Yes, to some extent

Comments: The Ministries are not under the supervision of the NA. But they usually transfer their archives anyway.



2) In case such bodies run their own independent historical archives, are they staffed with professional archivists? (for Intelligence Agencies, please add as many entries as you need)

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force	Yes	
Ministry of Defence	Yes	
<u>Intelligence agencies:</u>	Yes	

Comments: The Armed forces doesn't run historical archives for public use. But they are staffed with professional archivists anyway.

3) In case intelligence and/or military archives are transferred to the National archives, are such archives transferred only after declassification or do the National Archives receive and preserve classified information (top secret, secret, etc.)?

	YES	NO
Archives including classified records are transferred only after declassification		No
The National Archives receive and preserve classified information	Yes	

Comments: But some classified material is never or after a very long period transferred to the NA.



4) After how many years are the archives the following bodies supposed to be transferred to the National Archives or other archival institution?

	Number of years	The rule is actually enforced (YES / NO)
Army, Navy, Air Force		
Ministry of Defence		
<u>Intelligence agencies</u>		

Comments: There is no specified time limit. Archives are always transferred after a negotiation process, due to the fact that the NA gets at fee from the transferring organisation per storage area required.

5) As far as selection and transfer of archives is concern, do military bodies and intelligence services have to follow guidelines issued by the National Archives or by the Directorate General of Archives?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force	Yes	
Ministry of Defence		No
Intelligence agencies	Yes	

Comments: The Ministries are not under the supervision of the NA. But their guidelines follow the NA:s guidelines.



6) Do archivists from the National Archives participate in the decisions regarding the selection and transfer of military archives and of the archives of the intelligence agencies?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force	Yes	
Ministry of Defence	Yes	
Intelligence agencies	yes	

Comments:.....
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7) According to the ICA Principles of Access to Archives, art. 9, "Archivists have access to all closed archives and perform necessary archival work on them". Is this principle enforced in your country, as far as military archives and the archives of intelligence agencies are concerned?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force	Yes	
Ministry of Defence	Yes	
Intelligence agencies	yes	

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8) Are there archivists from the National Archives who have security clearances (i.e. who can access classified information)?

YES	yes
NO	

Comments: All employees at the Military Archives and many at the NA have security clearance.



9) As far as the management of records and archives are concerned, do military corps and intelligence agencies have to follow guidelines and directives issued by the National Archives or by the Directorate General of Archives?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force	Yes	
Ministry of Defence		No
Intelligence agencies	Yes	

Comments: see q 5

10) Does your national legislation provide for automatic declassification of classified national security information after a given number of years?

YES	
NO	No

Comments: There are time limits. But they are more like recommendations and it is nothing automatic about it. Someone has to actively declassify per volume.

11) In case you answered YES to question no. 10, after how many years?

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12) Does your national legislation provide for automatic declassification of classified information regarding national defence (for example, information on weapons of mass destruction) after a given number of years? In case, after how many years?



YES	
NO	No

Comments: See q 11.

13) In case you answered YES to question no. 12, after how many years?

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14) Does your national legislation provide for automatic declassification of classified information originating from a foreign government (or from a foreign intelligence agency, foreign police authority, etc.) after a given number of years? Or is such kind of information declassified only after consulting with the originating country?

	YES	NO
Classified information originating from a foreign government is declassified only with the agreement of the foreign government		No
Classified information originating from a foreign government is automatically declassified after a given number of years, like other classified information		No

Comments: There is no automatic declassification. If the information have been transferred to the NA there will be no consulting with the originating country before declassification. Only national interests will be considered. There are a few exceptions when international legislation has precedence: when Swedish armed forces are involved in UN- or NATO-operations.



15) Does your national legislation provide for special rules regarding the declassification of classified information originating from the NATO?

YES	Yes
NO	

Comments: See also q 14. While Sweden isn't a member of NATO we have on occasions been involved in joint tasks and operations. In those instances we follow NATO-practices.

16) Are information originating from the NATO declassified after a given number of years or are decisions regarding the declassification of NATO documents left to NATO itself?

	YES	NO
Information originating from the NATO are declassified after a given number of years		No
Decisions regarding the declassification of NATO documents are left to NATO itself	Yes in some cases	

Comments: See comments on q 14 and 15.