

Banned Weapons

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Policy

HSBC Asset Management excludes securities and other assets from its own manufactured active, systematic and index portfolios that have been issued by corporations with verified involvement or with strong indication of involvement in the development, production, use, maintenance, offering for sale, distribution, import or export, storage or transportation of weapons banned by certain international conventions

We have considered, the following weapons to be banned by the following international conventions:

- ◆ **Anti-Personnel Mines** – Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (or Ottawa Treaty)
- ◆ **Biological weapons** – Biological Weapons Convention
- ◆ **Blinding laser weapons** – Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, Protocol IV on Blinding Laser Weapons
- ◆ **Chemical weapons** – Chemical Weapons Convention
- ◆ **Cluster munitions** – Convention on Cluster Munitions (or Oslo Treaty)
- ◆ **Non-detectable fragments** – Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, Protocol I on Non-Detectable Fragments

This exclusion covers listed and non-listed equity and corporate fixed income issuers currently assessed as involved in these banned weapons or issuers for which there are strong indications of involvement in these weapons or their key components.

Past involvement in these weapons is not covered. Involvement may be direct or as a parent company (>10% ownership for listed companies or over 20% ownership for non-listed companies).

Exclusions do not apply to issuers with an ownership stake of less than 10% in the business exposed to the activity.

We note that whilst the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, Protocol III on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons, regulates the use of incendiary weapons, these are not banned under the Convention (see 'controversial weapons' below).

The application of this policy remains subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

This policy applies to all our active fundamental, index and active systematic equity and fixed income strategies where it is permitted under local laws and regulations to apply exclusions. It does not apply universally to strategies incorporating third party funds such as multi-asset portfolios, and our Fund of Hedge Fund business. Multi-asset strategies will seek funds with aligned / similar restrictions where these are available.

We engage a third-party research provider to identify listed and non-listed issuers that are involved in banned weapons production. These exclusions are applied on a reasonable-efforts basis via our investment restrictions process. The list of issuers is reviewed on an on-going basis and where new securities are identified with confirmed exposure we seek to divest any holdings within 90 business days.

Whilst we assess third party providers as part of ongoing monitoring, it is not possible to guarantee their data accuracy, completeness, quality of judgement or timeliness. Their coverage may not include every issuer held in our portfolios. We may set aside their data or scoring where our own due diligence suggests that this may be inaccurate, incomplete or disproportionate.

Certain ESG and sustainable funds¹ also exclude other types of controversial weapons such as depleted uranium weapons, incendiary weapons, white phosphorous weapons, and nuclear weapons. These rule-based exclusions are set out in the relevant fund documentation.

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