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Thailand changes engine manufacturer for APC procurement, ASIA PACIFIC

The Thai Cabinet has amended a contract to procure armoured personnel carriers (APCs) from Ukraine following continuing delays with a previous deal that were caused by restrictions related to the export of the vehicles' German-made Deutz powerplants.

Dr Panitan Wattanayagorn, Deputy Secretary General to Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva, told Jane's on 8 September that the decision allows Ukraine to procure engines from another German manufacturer, MTU, which will kick-start deliveries of the BTR-3E1 APCs, which are manufactured by Kharkov Morozov Machine Design Bureau.

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