

The French Arm Quarantine Treaty

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The ESA nations France, Britain, Germany and Azania today formally signed the French Arm Quarantine Treaty, forming the FAQC (French Arm Quarantine Command) to safeguard the colonies from infestation.

FAQC will consist of ships borrowed from the joint fleets, controlling the transfer of biological material along the arm. Headquarters will be at Beta Canum beanstalk orbital terminal, similar to the location of Earth's OQC.

The United States, Japan, Ukraine and Trilon Corporation, while not formal members of the treaty, have declared that they will abide by it. Although several of the minor nations of the arm were not represented it is expected that they will welcome the FAQC.

The organisation will have its work cut out for it, given the many crises: Kafer Rot has been found on several worlds, the refugee streams may have brought alien pathogens with them, biological and agricultural products are one of the arms main incomes. How FAQC will deal with the Pentapods is at present unclear.