

Transfer authorisations

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Taking into account the legal framework regulating intra-EU transfers of defence-related products

Directive 2009/43/EC on intra-EU transfers of defence-related products ('Transfers Directive')

Establishes an authorisation system based on transfer licences granted to suppliers of defence-related products:

- ✓ General Transfer Licences
- ✓ Global Transfer Licences
- ✓ Individual Transfer Licences
- ✓ Licence Exemptions

Transfers under EDF projects

Recommendations

Determine if the item is subject to the Transfers Directive:

- ✓ Check the List of defence-related products (Annex to the Transfers Directive). In case of doubt, contact your national competent authority.

Identify applicable rules:

- ✓ Is the transfer subject to a licence exemption?
- ✓ Can the transfers benefit from a General Transfer Licence or a Global Transfer Licence ?

Consult your national competent authorities as early as possible:

- ✓ Tackle timely and effectively potential issues related to transfer authorisations.
- ✓ Early interaction with the national competent authorities to avoid blockages and delays affecting the projects

Coordination:

- ✓ Ensure that all participating entities are tackling timely and effectively transfer authorisation requirements (including, as highlighted in the EDF 2025 call conditions, by concluding, preferably at the beginning of the Project, at the level of the consortium agreement or in another specific agreement, a non-retransfer / non-reexport commitment valid for all concerned transfers planned during the implementation of the Project).
- ✓ Coordination of participating entities from the same Member State

Handbook on the Defence Transfers Directive



https://ec.europa.eu/defence-industry-space/defence-transfers-directive-handbook-smes-0_en