European Commission

Defence Industry and Space

Defence Readiness Omnibus

Simplification Proposal to Boost Industrial Readiness

The Defence Readiness Omnibus is designed to speed up defence investments and make the EU more responsive to today's security challenges, as outlined in the Commission's **White Paper for European Defence-Readiness 2030**.

What is needed?

1. **Streamlining public procurement in the defence sector and facilitating the transfer of defence-related products within the EU.**

2. Following the mid-term review, **increase agility and predictability under the European Defence Fund, reduce the administrative burden** for applicants and participants and **speed up implementation**.

3. A **new fast-track permitting regime for defence-related authorizations** to speed up procedures for defence industrial investments and defence readiness activities.

4. **Clarifying the application of existing horizontal EU** (such as competition, access to finance, environmental and chemical legislation) where these create disproportionate or unintended constraints on defence activities.

The proposal incorporates feedback from

- **Public consultations** with Member States, defence industrial players and SMEs across the EU.
- **Implementation Dialogue,** chaired by Commissioner Kubilius on 19 May**,** with several stakeholders from the EU's Defence Technological and Industrial Base

The ramp-up necessary to achieve defence readiness could reach **defence investments of up to EUR 800 billion over the next four years**.

What we propose

Fast-track Permitting

Fast-track permitting for defence-related authorisations with

- **single point of contact**
- **priority status**
- **presumption of permit-granting** within 60 days.

Clarification to Member States that derogations in environmental legalisation include defence readiness to complement the new fast- track system.

Chemical Legislations

Allow Member States to **authorize national-wide exemptions** for chemical substances used in defence supply chains by **broadening existing national exemptions** for defence interests in **REACH** and other chemicals legislations.

Access to Finance

Offer legal certainty to investors, provide clarification on prohibited weapons that are excluded from the Sustainable Finance Framework. Streamline InvestEU eligibility conditions for defence, while keeping the necessary safeguards.

EDF

European Defence Fund (EDF)

Make the EDF award and financing system **more flexible** and **rapid**.

Defence Procurement

Simplification for small procurements by doubling the threshold for the application of the Defence Procurement Directive and, enable **faster and more efficient procedure.**

Defence Transfers

Increase the use of General Transfer Licences, simplify transfers by certified companies, avoid delays in the implementation of EDF projects through dedicated licences.

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