

Simplification Package - Defence Readiness Omnibus

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Key Measures Proposed

Defence Legislation:

- **European Defence Fund (EDF):** Simplified administrative requirements for applicants, faster time-to-grant, and more predictable implementation. These changes stem from extensive stakeholder feedback and the interim evaluation of the EDF.
- **Defence Procurement:** Streamlined procedures for contracting authorities and industry, including:
 - Incentives for joint procurement by at least three Member States
 - Facilitation of off-the-shelf purchases to replenish stocks
 - Enhanced flexibility in framework agreements
 - Doubled thresholds under the Defence Procurement Directive for supply and service contracts
- **Intra-EU Transfers of Defence Products:** Reduction of delays (which have reached up to one year in some cases) by easing authorisation processes for transfers between Member States—crucial for EDF project implementation.

Non-Defence Specific Legislation:

- **Permitting Regimes:** Introduction of a **fast-track system** for defence-related infrastructure projects—such as new manufacturing facilities or expanded training areas—with a two-month permitting window, streamlined procedures, and a single point of contact in each Member State.
- **Environmental and Chemicals Legislation:**
 - Clarifications to allow defence readiness projects to benefit from existing derogations related to overriding public interests.
 - A clearer mandate for Member States to apply exemptions where necessary to support investments involving critical substances.
- **Access to Finance:** Adjustments to eligibility criteria under **InvestEU** and dedicated guidance on aligning defence readiness with sustainable finance principles, supporting the mobilisation of **EUR 800 billion** in investments.

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the Defence Simplification Omnibus

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the acceleration of permit granting for defence readiness projects

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards defence readiness and facilitating defence investments and conditions for defence industry

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council regards the simplification of intra-EU transfers of defence-related products and the simplification of security and defence procurement

Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1078(InvestEU)

Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1078(InvestEU)-Annex

Commission notice on the application of the sustainable finance framework and the corporate sustainability due diligence Directive to the defence sector

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 as regards the definition of controversial weapons

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