# Guidance Note – MILIPOL 2025

How to comply with the regulatory framework?

## 1. Identify the nature of the goods displayed

Among the goods that may be imported or introduced for the exhibition:

- Military equipment, related items and defense products;

- So-called “civilian” weapons, their ammunition and parts;

- Products covered by Regulation (EU) 2019/125 (amended) of 16 January 2019 concerning the trade of certain goods that could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment;

- Dual-use goods under Regulation (EU) 2021/821 (amended) of 20 May 2021 establishing the EU regime for export control, brokering, technical assistance, transit and transfers.

## 2. Three possible situations depending on the type of goods

Situations may apply for goods imported or introduced at the exhibition:

- Importation / Introduction

- Re-exportation / Re-shipment

A. Exemptions provided by law for military equipment, defense products, and civilian weapons.  
 - Send the list of goods displayed to the DGDDI before 27 October 2025.  
 - Send the list of goods to be re-exported or re-shipped to the DGDDI before 27 October 2025.

B. Exceptional global authorization granted by DGDDI for civilian weapons and some military weapons.  
 - The DGDDI letter serves as authorization.  
 - Send the list of goods displayed per exhibitor to the DGDDI before 27 October 2025.

C. An individual authorization must be requested for goods imported/exported to or from countries under trade restrictions, for goods covered by Regulation (EU) 2019/125 (amended), and for dual-use goods covered by Regulation (EU) 2021/821 (amended).  
 - Contact the competent authority mentioned in the DGDDI letter before importation.

## 3. Customs regime

Goods from non-EU countries must be placed under the customs regime of temporary admission with the customs office responsible for declaring goods flows.

## 4. Responsibility

In all cases, goods displayed remain under the responsibility of the exhibitors and organizers throughout the duration of the event.

## Summary table of authorizations, exemptions or waivers depending on the flows and type of goods

Military equipment:  
- Import from non-EU country: Exemption (2015 Order, Art. 1-1°) or individual AIMG required  
- Re-export to non-EU country: Exemption (2014 Order, Art. 1-c) or individual LEMG required  
- From EU: Global AIMG (A2-1° and A2-2°)  
- Shipment to EU: Exemption (2014 Order, Art. 2-7°)

Civilian firearms:  
- Import: Exemption (2015 Order, Art. 1-1°) or individual AIMG required  
- Re-export: Waiver under CSI R316-47 or individual LEAF required  
- From EU: Global prior agreement (AP)  
- Shipment to EU: Global transfer permit (PT)

Non-firearms:  
- Import: Exemption (2015 Order, Art. 1-1°) or individual AIMG required  
- Re-export: Authorization required under Regulation 2019/125  
- From EU: Global AIMG  
- Shipment to EU: Free

Dual-use goods (Reg. 2021/821):  
- Import and export within EU: Free  
- Export to third countries: License required  
- Annex IV goods: License required

Goods listed in Annex III of Regulation (EU) 2019/125 (anti-torture):  
- Import and EU introduction: Free  
- Export or re-export: License required

Notes:  
- AIMG = Import Authorization for Military Equipment  
- AP = Prior Agreement  
- AT = Temporary Admission (customs regime allowing temporary imports without duties, to be re-exported)  
- LEMG = Export License for Military Equipment  
- LEAF = Export License for Firearms  
- PT = Transfer Permit

## Clarification of overlapping rules (firearms and anti-torture regulation)

At import:  
Some items listed in Annex III of the anti-torture regulation may also be classified as weapons under the French Internal Security Code (CSI). If so, they do not require authorization under Regulation 2019/125, but if they fall under a category of Article R.311-2 CSI that requires authorization, an AIMG is necessary.  
  
At export:  
Some weapons are free of authorization under Regulation (EU) 258/2012 (not firearms), but still require authorization if they appear in Annex III of Regulation 2019/125 (anti-torture).

## Competent authorities for authorizations

Applications for import and export authorizations of civilian weapons and military equipment must be sent to:  
Service des autorisations de mouvements internationaux d’armes (SAMIA)  
11 rue des Deux Communes, 93558 Montreuil CEDEX  
Email: samia-armes@douane.finances.gouv.fr

Applications for export licenses for military equipment must be sent electronically via SIGALE:  
https://sigale.defense.gouv.fr  
Direction Générale de l’Armement (DGA)  
60, bd du général Martial Valin, CS 21623, 75509 Paris Cedex 15  
Tel: +33 1 45 52 76 35

Applications for export or transfer licenses for dual-use goods or goods covered by the anti-torture regulation must be sent electronically via EGIDE:  
https://egide.finances.gouv.fr  
Direction Générale des Entreprises – SBDU  
67, rue Barbès, BP 80001, 94201 Ivry-sur-Seine Cedex  
Email: doublusage@finances.gouv.fr