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The Acting Head of the Office for Restrictions and Securing Exchanges

to

General (2S) Charles BEAUDOIN

Commissioner General of the EUROSATORY Exhibition

Subject

Request for exemption from import authorization for war materials and other related authorizations for the 2026 edition of the EUROSATORY exhibition.

Ref. / Attachments

Your letter dated 16 January 2026

Quick reference sheet

Decision of 12 September 2019 suspending exemptions from the requirement for prior authorization under Article L. 2335-2 of the Defence Code for exports of war materials and related equipment to certain non-EU countries

Sir,

By the above-referenced letter, you request the application of an exemption regime for both imports and introductions, as well as re-exports and reintroductions, of weapons and war materials temporarily exhibited at the EUROSATORY 2026 exhibition, which will take place at the Paris Nord Villepinte Exhibition Centre from 15 to 19 June 2026.

A final list of exhibitors, materials, and corresponding countries of origin must be submitted to the Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Taxes (DGDDI), Sub-Directorate for International Trade, as soon as possible and no later than 22 May 2026.

For each item of equipment imported (from a non-EU country) or introduced (from an EU Member State) temporarily for exhibition purposes, it is necessary to consider, on the one hand, the applicable exemptions under current regulations, and on the other hand, the flows requiring the issuance of exceptional authorizations.

To facilitate the application of these provisions, please find attached a quick reference sheet detailing the applicable regulations according to the different categories of equipment.

1. War materials, related equipment, and defence-related products

1.1 Exemptions and authorizations applicable to temporary imports from non-EU countries

Import

War materials and related equipment classified under category A2 (Article R. 311-2 of the Internal Security Code) may only be imported if covered by an Import Authorization for War Materials (AIMG).

However, when imported under the temporary admission procedure for exhibition, demonstration, or presentation, such materials benefit from an exemption from this requirement (Order of 8 July 2015, as amended).

This exemption does not apply to materials originating from certain non-EU countries listed in the attached decision of 12 September 2019. In such cases, AIMG applications must be submitted and will be reviewed individually by the International Arms Movement Authorization Service (SAMIA).

Re-export

War materials temporarily admitted under exemption, as well as certain non-classified materials listed in the Order of 27 June 2012 (as amended), benefit from an exemption from export licensing requirements.

However, exports to certain listed third countries are excluded from this exemption and require an Export License for War Materials (LEMG), which must be obtained before importation.

Entry into French territory will be conditional upon obtaining authorization for subsequent re-export to the country of origin.

Note: Since the 2018 Military Programming Law, provisions applicable to EU Member States also apply to Iceland and Norway.

1.2 Defence-related products from EU Member States

Introduction into France

In principle, no French authorization is required, except for certain firearms and components (category A2), which remain subject to AIMG.

An exceptional global AIMG is granted for EUROSATORY 2026 exhibitors.

Re-transfer

Transfers within the EU normally require a transfer license, but an exemption applies for returns after exhibition or demonstration.

2. "Civilian" weapons, ammunition, and components

These include categories A1, B, C, and D (as opposed to A2 war materials).

2.1 Temporary imports from non-EU countries

Import

These items normally require AIMG but benefit from an exemption when imported temporarily for exhibition.

Exceptions apply for certain countries (decision of 12 September 2019).

Re-export

Firearms: generally exempt from export licensing when returned to the country of origin

Exception: certain countries require prior export authorization (LEAF)

Electric shock weapons and tear gas devices: may require authorization under EU Regulation 2019/125 (anti-torture regulation)

Bladed weapons: freely exportable

2.2 Movements within the EU

Introduction

Subject to either:

Prior agreement, or

AIMG

A global prior agreement and global AIMG are granted for the exhibition.

Re-dispatch

Requires a transfer permit, for which a global authorization is also granted.

3. Other restricted strategic goods

3.1 Dual-use goods (EU Regulation 2021/821)

Certain exhibited goods may fall under dual-use regulations.

You must:

Apply for export licenses via the Dual-Use Goods Service (SBDU)

Act as exporter on behalf of foreign exhibitors

Provide mandates and detailed product classification

Possible authorizations include:

National general license ("Fairs and Exhibitions")

EU general export authorizations

Individual licenses where necessary

Technical assistance related to such goods may also require authorization.

3.2 Anti-torture regulation (EU Regulation 2019/125)

Some goods are strictly prohibited (Annex II)

Others require export authorization (Annexes III and IV)

Import is conditional upon obtaining export authorization.

4. Restrictions related to embargoed countries

EU restrictive measures apply across all Member States

France must comply with international commitments

Any incompatible authorization request will be refused

Exhibitors must be informed of restrictions

Organizers may be held liable for violations

5. Additional provisions

5.1 Responsibility

You are responsible for:

All exhibited materials

Ensuring compliance with regulations

Verifying that required authorizations are obtained

All required information must be submitted by 22 May 2026.

5.2 Customs procedure

Non-EU goods must be placed under temporary admission.

A waiver of financial guarantee is granted provided that:

The exhibitor benefits from an exemption

Insurance covers the goods during their stay

The duration is limited to the exhibition period

6. Competent authorities

Authorization requests must be submitted to:

SAMIA (arms import/export authorizations) via SOPRANO

DGA (war materials export licenses) via SIGALE

SBDU (dual-use and anti-torture goods) via EGIDE

Early submission is strongly recommended.

My services remain at your disposal for any further information.