

**Question for written answer E-002652/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Screening of companies and arms embargoes

Article 136 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union sets out the criteria for exclusion and decisions on exclusions by which the EU is bound. Projects receiving funding under the European Defence Fund (EDF) call for proposals 2021 are sensitive and could lead to exports of military goods to non-EU-countries. Given this, does the screening of applicants for EDF funding under Article 136 of this Regulation include a check on their compliance with mandatory UN and/or EU arms embargoes?

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