

**Priority question for written answer P-003301/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Mechanism to control exports of products that have benefited from the European Defence Fund

The revised proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Defence Fund (EDF) of 15 November 2018 stipulates the following under Article 22(4) concerning ownership of results of research actions: 'The grant agreement shall, if justified, lay down the right of the Commission to be notified of and object to the transfer of ownership regarding results of research actions supported by the Fund to a non-associated third country or a non-associated third country entity.' Similar provisions are included in Article 25(3) concerning ownership of results of development actions.

1. Has the Commission taken any steps to establish a control mechanism to ensure compliance with the above-mentioned articles, in order to provide for effective export control for any products that have benefited from EDF-funded research? If so, could it provide details on the composition and envisaged operation of this mechanism? If not, is it planning to do so, and what is the timeline?
2. Does it have plans for alternative measures to ensure compliance with the above-mentioned articles?