

Review of company acquisitions

Sector-specific (Sections 60-62 of the Foreign Trade and Payments Ordinance)

Concerns each foreign acquisition in areas which are particularly sensitive in terms of security (military weapons & equipment / crypto technology)

Buyer is subject to a notification obligation

Express or implied approval after 3 months

BMWi opens review procedure by agreement with the Federal Foreign Office + Federal Ministry of Defence (+Federal Ministry of the Interior) If necessary, BMWi requests additional documents

> Within 3 months after receipt of the full set of documents

BMWi decides whether to grant its approval by agreement with the Fed. For. Office + Fed. Min. of Defence (+Fed. Min. of the Interior) Prohibition/Orders
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Office + Fed. Min. of
Defence (+Fed. Min. of
the Interior)

General (Sections 55-59 of the Foreign Trade and Payments Ordinance)

Only concerns acquisitions by non-EU/EFTA foreigners

