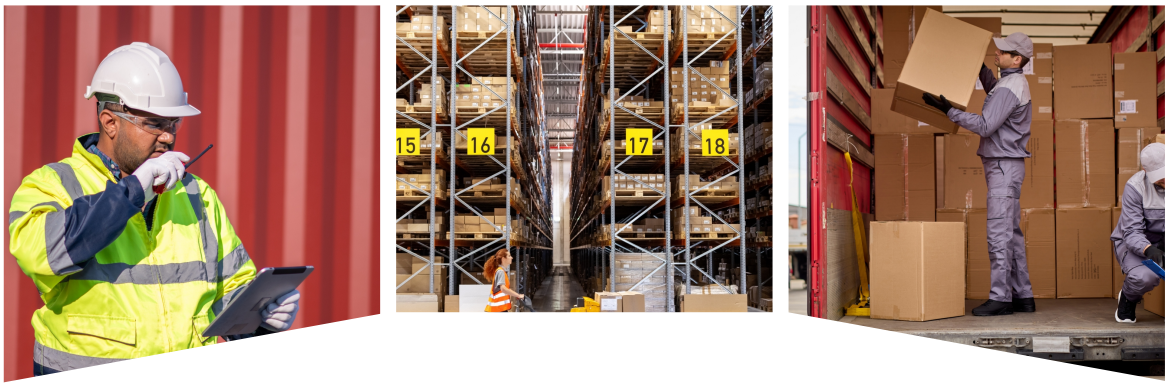



International Market Access

# ***Security is crucial*** for Switzerland as a business location

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## At a glance

- The security situation has deteriorated significantly in recent years.
- The revision of the War Material Act is a targeted response to this new global environment.
- Security is a crucial factor for Switzerland as a strong business location.

The security situation has changed drastically in recent years. Switzerland, too, is directly affected by the increased geopolitical uncertainty. As a result of the new foreign and security policy environment, the parameters of Swiss security policy have also undergone massive changes since 2022. Influenced by these new global realities, Swiss policymakers have in recent years focused intensively on issues related to the security situation in Switzerland and Europe, neutrality, and exports of military equipment. The revision of the Military Equipment Act (KMG) is a result of these deliberations. However, this legislative change is not only of great relevance to the Swiss defense industry and its suppliers. It also has overarching significance for Switzerland's defense c apabilities, credible armed neutrality, and, ultimately, Switzerland as a business l ocation.

## Security as a Location Factor

Thanks to its business-friendly conditions, Switzerland is one of the world's most attractive business locations. It is important to ensure that this appeal is maintained in the future. It is based on many different factors. Well-developed international market access, a highly educated workforce, and reliable infrastructure are just as much a part of this as security.

The security of Switzerland as a business location is closely linked to political stability, as a stable political environment is crucial for legal certainty, planning security, and investment security in Switzerland. The war in the Middle East and its impact on the entire region have highlighted how crucial security and stability are for a strong business location.

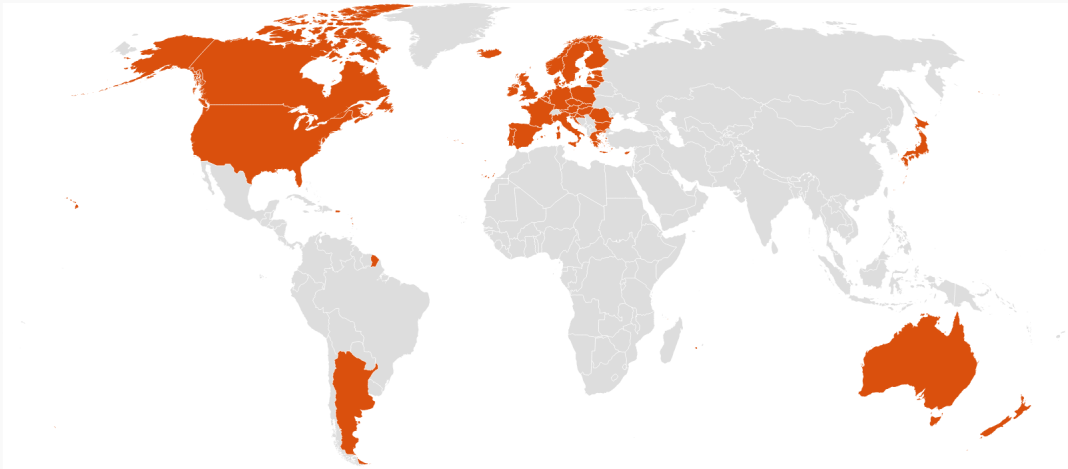
However, security also includes a strong domestic industrial (defense) base that strengthens Switzerland's defense capabilities while simultaneously securing expertise, jobs, and value creation within the business location.

## A Clear Focus for the Legislative Revision

The current revision of the War Material Act (KMG) provides for targeted amendments to the law, which are intended to facilitate the export of war material to certain recipient countries as well as its re-export.

For example, under the revision, defense equipment may in the future be supplied to countries that apply an export regime equivalent to Switzerland's and are listed in Annex 2 of the War Material Ordinance (KMV), even if they are involved in an armed conflict. However, the Federal Council may prohibit such exports if foreign policy, neutrality, or security interests so require.

## Figure 1: 36 countries listed in Annex 2 of the War Material Ordinance (KMV)



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The KMG revision takes a pragmatic approach and serves Switzerland's security interests. It establishes important conditions for maintaining a strong industrial defense base in Switzerland. This benefits both our country's security a nd defense capabilities and Switzerland as a business location.



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