

## Orrery Update November 2020

### Consultation on secondary legislation to define the sectors (including satellite and space technologies) subject to mandatory notification in the National Security and Investment Bill 2020

*The National Security and Investment Bill 2020 was laid before Parliament on 11 November 2020. The Government is now seeking views in an open consultation on the Government's proposed definitions of the types of entity within each sector that will be subject to the mandatory notification regime under the new Bill.*

On 11 November 2020, the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (**BEIS**) published a [consultation](#) on secondary legislation to define the sectors subject to mandatory notification in the National Security and Investment Bill 2020 (**Consultation**).

The National Security and Investment Bill 2020 (**Bill**) updates the Secretary of State's powers under the Enterprise Act 2002 to scrutinise and intervene in business transactions that give rise to national security concerns.

Under the Bill, 17 key sectors are required to give mandatory notification to the Government on certain business transactions, notably mergers and acquisitions.

The 17 key sectors which will be subject to the mandatory notification regime under the Bill are:

1. Advanced Materials;

2. Advanced Robotics;
3. Artificial Intelligence;
4. Civil Nuclear;
5. Communications;
6. Computing Hardware;
7. Critical Suppliers to Government;
8. Critical Suppliers to the Emergency Services;
9. Cryptographic Authentication;
10. Data Infrastructure;
11. Defence;
12. Energy;
13. Engineering Biology;
14. Military and Dual Use;
15. Quantum Technologies;
16. Satellite and Space Technologies; and
17. Transport.

The Consultation seeks views on:

- whether the definitions of each sector provide sufficiently clear parameters to inform businesses of the need to notify;
- whether the proposed definitions are proportionate in scope; and
- how screening of transactions can be ensured while minimising the impact on businesses and investors.

The deadline for submitting a response is 11:45pm GMT on 6 January 2021.

Please contact Joanne Wheeler if you would like more information on the Consultation.



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