

LEGAL ALERT

MILITARY PLANNING LAW

ORGANIC LAW NO. 2/2019, OF 17 JUNE

[Organic Law no. 2/2019](#) was published yesterday, which approves the military planning law ("MPL 2019") and revokes [Organic Law no. 7/2015, of 18 May](#).

The military planning law is the legislative instrument that aims to program the public investment in the Armed Forces, regarding armament and equipment, thus defining the range of investments to be made in this area.

The MPL 2019 provides for an overall budget allocation of EUR 4,740,000,000, increasing by EUR 1,580,000,000 the amount foreseen in the previous MPL (approved by Organic Law no. 7/2015, of 18 May), which corresponds to a 50% increase.

The following are some of the more relevant aspects of regime introduced by MPL 2019:

Dual-use of the equipment

The MPL 2019 provides for the promotion of the so-called dual-use of military capabilities, with the aim of reinforcing the use of their non-strictly military valences in order to respond to civilian needs, such as the use of military equipment for the prevention and combat of forest fires.

Exemption from captivations

Without prejudice to the law that approves the State Budget, the budget allocations provided by MPL 2019 are excluded from budget captivations.

Main investments

The main structural projects provided by MPL 2019 are the following:

- i. Five strategic and tactical air transport aircraft (EUR 827,000,000.00);
- ii. Six ocean patrol vessels (EUR 325,000,000);
- iii. Cyberdefense Program (EUR 51,000,000);
- iv. Soldier Combat System Program (EUR 43,000,000);
- v. Five evacuation helicopters (EUR 53,000,000);
- vi. A multi-purpose logistic vessel (EUR 150,000,000);
- vii. A refueling vessel (EUR 150,000,000).

The MPL 2019 enters into force today, June 18, 2019.

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