

**Annex I - Requirements applicable for the equipment purchased under this call in relation to Article 64(14) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896**

Article 64(14) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896	Requirements
<p><b>1. The equipment shall be registered in the technical equipment pool (TEP)</b></p>	<p>Member States must register in the TEP the equipment purchased under this specific action and provide to Frontex information on the necessary staff to operate it, within 5 working days after the successful purchase (= final technical acceptance of the delivered equipment).</p> <p>The equipment must be registered in the TEP and made available in accordance with Frontex requirements.</p> <p>Member States may purchase additional equipment with the remaining amounts or savings under the specific action, after consulting the Commission services that will liaise with Frontex. Such equipment must also be registered in the TEP.</p> <p>In accordance with Article 64(5) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 and Article 13(14)(a) and Annex III (1b) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1148, the equipment owned by Member States and registered in the TEP must meet the quality requirements and technical standards defined by Frontex, in cooperation with the Member States and the Commission.</p> <p>If during the implementation of this specific action the public procurement for the purchase of equipment is relaunched, the quality requirements and technical standards to be met are those applicable when the procedure is relaunched. In such cases, Member States must consult the Commission services that will liaise with Frontex.</p>
<p><b>2. The technical equipment shall form part of the minimum number of items of technical equipment (MNITE) for a given year</b></p>	<p>The equipment must be put at the disposal of Frontex, except in case of an <i>exceptional situation substantially affecting the discharge of national tasks</i>, as stipulated in Article 64(9) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896.</p> <p>In the annual bilateral negotiations with Member States, Frontex will inform the Member States owning the equipment when, for which period and where the equipment is required to ensure the Agency's operational effectiveness and the necessary coverage of the deployment needs.</p>

<p><b>3. be made available at least for a period of up to 4 months per year, in accordance with the request of the Agency, as planned in the annual bilateral negotiations.</b></p>	<p>The purchased equipment must be put at the disposal of Frontex, in accordance with its request, as planned in the annual bilateral negotiations.</p> <p>The exact timing for making available this technical equipment will be agreed between each Member State and the Agency in the annual bilateral negotiations, taking into account capacity and proportionality.</p> <p>To respond to the Agency's requests, Member States may decide to deploy the purchased equipment beyond four months.</p> <p>The Member State must ensure that the equipment made available for Frontex operations stands ready to be deployed in the territory of another Member State.</p>
<p><b>4. be made unconditionally available and deployed by Member States for rapid border interventions and urgent actions at the external borders</b></p>	<p>For rapid border interventions, and for situations at the external borders requiring urgent action which were not included in the annual planning of the Agency, as referred to in Articles 39 and 42 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896, the equipment purchased under this specific action must be made available unconditionally by the Member States, upon the request for deployment by the Agency.</p> <p>In those cases, Member States may not invoke the exceptional situation referred to in Article 64(9) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896.</p> <p>Thus, the equipment must be registered in the Rapid Reaction Equipment Pool.</p>