



RULES AND REGULATIONS **- the DEFENDER competition** **targeted at the exhibitor of the International Defence Industry Exhibition**

1. **DEFENDER** is the Targi Kielce's Award granted at the International Defence Industry Exhibition to the exhibitors/producers as well as exhibitors who have been granted the producers' authorisation to present the products and enter the competition for the best products which serve the purpose of the state's defence and security.
2. The **DEFENDER** Awards is awarded by the Jury Panel. The Jury Panel is composed of the Expo Programme Board. The Expo Programme Board Head acts in the capacity of the Defender Award Jury Panel Chairman. The Jury Panel appoints persons to evaluate products; they work within expert groups.
3. Domestic and foreign products may be registered for **DEFENDER** Award in accordance with the list of "Groups of equipment - classification of products for the DEFENDER award". The Jury Panel is authorised to transfer products entered into the competition within the product groups.
4. The Jury Panel determines the number of Awards presented at the particular Expo edition. The Award is presented in the form of a statuette and a diploma, which specifies the product the Award has been presented to. All the **Defender** Awards are of equal status. The Award laureates are entitled to use information about the Award for promotion purposes.
5. The Jury Panel makes its resolution after becoming familiar with documents provided along with the products and put for the Panel's assessment. Jury Panel's sessions are held in-camera and the Panel's decisions are autonomous, irrevocable and non-claimable. The Jury Panel makes decisions by a majority of votes.
In case the number of votes is equal, the final decision is thus taken by the Jury Panel Chairman.
6. In the case of one product entered to the competition by more than one company, only one DEFENDER statue will be awarded and two diplomas separately for each company.
7. The Jury Panel enjoys the right to recommend and, having been granted prior consents, to grant Special Distinctions of the particular Ministers. The Competition Jury Panel reserves the right to award a Special Distinction of the Programme Board for a product they find outstanding among the offers presented at the trade show. A product that responds to the state's or the general public's, a product related to broadly defined safety and security designed to combat new threats, etc. may be awarded.
8. Each exhibitor has the right to enter **one product** into the competition upon payment of the single fee - **200 EUR + (23%VAT)**. **Each exhibitor is entitled to submit a maximum of one product for the competition.**

The registration is made by completing the form available at the Customer Portal (<https://portalklienta.targikielce.pl/>) in the competitions tab.

Please attach a brief summary to your expo registration. The attachment should contain the **product information** in Polish – max 1 A4 page (the attachment should include the name of the company that registers the product/products to the competition, the name of the product, and a short product description) and **2 photos** of the registered product saved in a graphic file (full hd 1920x1080 px, not smaller than 72 dpi) to the registration form.

Additional information materials (attests, certificates) on product and exhibitor/producer ought to be made available to the Programme Board and the Board's representatives – the Jury Panel expert teams upon their visits to the exhibition stands. These documents should indicate the innovative aspects, product's originality, innovative technical and technological ideas.

Deadline for the Competition Entry Form submission - 13 August 2026, i.e. Thursday.

9. The product which takes part in the competition should be displayed with the information that the product is the DEFENDER competition entrant.

10. A producer/exhibitor who enters their product into the competition is obliged to make the product available for the Jury Panel's inspection for the whole Expo duration.
11. The producer/exhibitor who has been granted the Defender Award or a special distinction is obliged to deliver an electronic product presentation no later than **10 days after the expo ends**. The presentation must be sent in digital version; it is required to make information material about the DEFENDER competition winners.

The presentation should include: the manufacturer's name and address details and website address, the full name of the awarded product, the manufacturer's logotype (PDF format), photos of the awarded product - maximum two images, minimum 72 dpi.

In the case of a consortium, the above-mentioned data should be provided for each of the companies which form the consortium. If the required information is not provided, the Organiser reserves the right not to publish detailed information about the awarded product.

The list of awarded companies and products will be published in the post-fair REPORT distributed in electronic form. It is also acceptable to print the Report for the purposes of MSPO promotion in subsequent years. Presentations of the awarded products will be published (based on the materials sent by the winners) on the MSPO website – www.msपो.pl