How to decide whether you must or may wish to notify the Government of an acquisition from 4 Jan 2022

For an introduction to the NSI Act read [this guidance](#) on the new rules

Does the entity or asset being acquired have a sufficient connection to the UK to fall within scope of the NSI Act?

- **Yes**: Is it an entity or an asset that is being acquired?
  - **Entity**
    - Is the acquisition subject to mandatory notification requirements (a ‘notifiable acquisition’)?
      - **No**: Do not notify the Government.
      - **Yes**: Are you the acquirer or representing the acquirer?
        - **Yes**: You must notify the Government of this acquisition and receive approval prior to completing the acquisition.
        - **No**: You are not required to notify the Government of this acquisition, but you may submit a voluntary notification. Read the [Section 3 Statement](#) to help you decide whether to notify.

- **Asset**
  - Is the acquisition subject to mandatory notification requirements (a ‘notifiable acquisition’)?
    - **No**: You do not have to notify the Government of this acquisition, but you may submit a voluntary notification. Read the [Section 3 Statement](#) to help you decide whether to notify.
    - **Yes**: The acquirer must notify the Government of this acquisition and receive approval prior to completing the acquisition.

Further guidance
- How to comply with the National Security and Investment Act 2021
- The National Security and Investment Act alongside regulatory requirements
- National Security and Investment Act: guidance for the higher education and research-intensive sectors

Further questions?
- You can contact the Investment Security Unit for general enquiries or advice about the Act on [investment.screening@beis.gov.uk](mailto:investment.screening@beis.gov.uk)
- Visit the [NSI Gov.uk collection page](#) for all guidance and legislation links