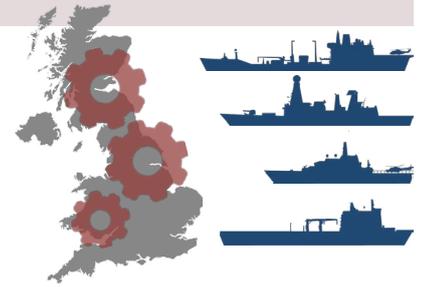


National Shipbuilding Strategy - FACT SHEET

THE NATIONAL SHIPBUILDING STRATEGY:

Backed by a rising defence budget will:

- Transform the procurement of naval ships.
- Enable the Fleet to grow by the 2030s.
- Energise the UK's maritime industry to compete for and win work.
- Increase skills, exports and prosperity across the UK.



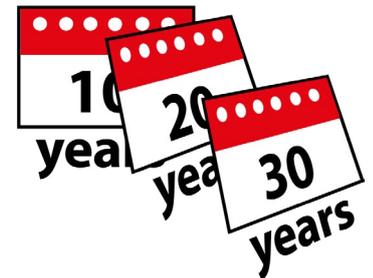
THE GOVERNMENT IS:

- Buying eight Type 26 Global Combat Ships.
- Launching a competition to design and build a new class of general purpose frigates, the Type 31e.
- Investing in Fleet Solid Support vessels.
- Partnering with Industry to enable them to build a modern and efficient shipbuilding sector capable of meeting the country's future defence and security needs.



30 YEAR PLAN:

- A Royal Navy plan will outline the schedule and capability of naval ships in which we will invest billions of pounds over the next 30 years.
- It will underpin all future shipbuilding procurements.
- It will provide a mechanism to keep the delivery of ships to time and to cost.
- This will provide Industry with the strategic direction they need.



TYPE 26:

- All eight Type 26 Global Combat Ships will be built by BAE Systems on the Clyde, securing the future of shipbuilding in Scotland.
- We have signed a £3.7bn contract for the first batch of three Type 26 Global Combat Ships, and steel has been cut for HMS Glasgow.
- The Type 26 Global Combat Ships will replace the Anti-Submarine Type 23 Frigates. They will protect our aircraft carriers and the nuclear deterrent.



TYPE 31e:

- The Government is committed to a surface fleet of at least 19 frigates and destroyers.
- The Type 31e will replace the fleet of General Purpose Type 23 Frigates, providing global presence.
- We are launching a competition to design and build the Type 31e in the UK at £250M per ship.
- The aim is for the first vessel (of at least five) to be in service by 2023, and to grow the overall fleet by the 2030s.
- Has the potential to evolve to meet future needs or threats.



FLEET SOLID SUPPORT SHIPS:

- Fleet Solid Support ships to support our carriers and deployed forces will be procured via international competition.
- The competition is due to complete by early 2020.



EXPORTS:

- Government will work in partnership with the UK Defence Industry to maximise exports of naval ships, systems and equipment.
- Ships will be designed with exports in mind from the outset. The exportability of a ship will be a key requirement that industry must meet.



THE MARITIME INDUSTRIAL SECTORS:

- The maritime industries employ 111,000 people, in 6800 companies, contributing £13bn to the economy.
- The shipbuilding and repair element of this alone contributes around £2bn.
- The UK is one of the largest exporters of maritime equipment and systems.



DELIVERING WITH INDUSTRY:

- We will work in partnership with Industry to deliver this Strategy.

OUR PRIORITIES INCLUDE:

- Full and regular communication between Government and Industry.
- Help to identify markets for diversification and to improve access to innovation.
- Help to identify export opportunities.
- Encouraging the sector to maintain their workforces at the appropriate skill levels.



INDUSTRIAL POLICY:

- All Royal Navy warships will continue to have a UK-owned design, and will be built and integrated in the UK.
- Warship build will be via competition between UK shipyards with international partners encouraged to work with them and other providers to produce the best possible commercial solution.
- All other naval vessels will be subject to open competition and integration of sensitive UK-specific systems will be done in the UK, where possible after competition between UK providers.
- Defence will take account of wider factors (including the impact on UK prosperity) when making procurement decisions.
- We will consider distributed block build for all our future surface ship procurements.
- Government is working hard to make sure that UK producers of steel have the best possible chance of competing for contracts.
- We will forecast steel requirements for shipbuilding through the UK Government Steel Pipeline and have commissioned research into future market opportunities for the sector.

