



Department for  
Business, Energy  
& Industrial Strategy

**NATIONAL SECURITY AND INVESTMENT ACT 2021**  
**Publication of notice of final order variation**

**Date: 9 January 2023**

1. The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“the Secretary of State”) has varied a final order pursuant to section 27 of the National Security and Investment Act 2021 (“the Act”). The variation comes into force 9 January 2023.
2. The Parties who are subject to the order are:
  - i. The University of Manchester and
  - ii. Beijing Infinite Vision Technology Company Ltd. (“the Acquirer”).
3. The University of Manchester and the Acquirer had entered into a licence agreement that enabled the Acquirer to use intellectual property relating to SCAMP-5 and SCAMP-7 vision sensing technology to develop, test and verify, manufacture, use, and sell licenced products.
4. This grant of a licence constituted a trigger event under section 9(1) of the Act.
5. The Secretary of State considers that:
  - i. the technology set out in the licence agreement has dual-use applications;
  - ii. there is potential that the technology could be used to build defence or technological capabilities which may present national security risks to the United Kingdom; and
  - iii. those risks would arise on the transfer of the intellectual property to the Acquirer.
6. The variation clarifies the University of Manchester’s obligations regarding its employees and allows the University of Manchester to share the technology in certain circumstances subject to the agreement of the Secretary of State.
7. The order retains its original effect of preventing the acquisition of the intellectual property from proceeding.

8. The Secretary of State considers that the final order is necessary and proportionate to mitigate the risks to national security.