



Audit of a payment process armasuisse

Key facts

The Swiss Federal Audit Office (SFAO) clarified which services costing approximately CHF 27.3 million were provided by the company Froriep Renggli to the Office of the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS). The question arose against the backdrop of this payment putting the law firm among the top-ranked DDPS suppliers in 2013. The list of top suppliers to the Confederation was published in the summer of 2016.

The SFAO found that the services of the law firm concerned the fiduciary settlement of the purchase of a jet for the Federal Council. The procurement of and payment for the jet were correctly processed.

When the announcement on the top suppliers was made, it was not apparent that it was not the actual beneficiary (beneficial owner) that was published but the intermediary contracting party. This should be avoided in future.

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