SELECTED DOCUMENTS · NATIONAL SECURITY CARVEOUTS IN AI REGULATION

EU AI Act vs UK Pro-Innovation Approach to AI Regulation (White Paper)

The selected documents have different catalog classifications. This alone does not establish legal conflict or regulatory arbitrage.

EU · BINDING REGULATION

EU AI Act

EU-AIA-2024

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TREATMENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY CARVEOUTS IN AI REGULATION

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Art. 2(3) explicitly excludes AI systems used exclusively for military, defence, or national-security purposes

Primary source: Regulation (EU) 2024/1689

UK · POLICY STATEMENT

UK Pro-Innovation Approach to AI Regulation (White Paper)

UK-WHITEPAPER-2023

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implicit

Defence + intelligence excluded via sectoral-regulator scope; carveout via omission rather than explicit clause

Primary source: CP 815 (2023)

How to read this comparison

These assessments concern the selected documents, not every law applicable in their jurisdictions. Compare the cited provisions, scope, legal status and dates. Matching categories do not establish matching duties; missing entries do not establish legal gaps.

Question for further analysis: Whether the carveout should be (a) categorical exclusion of national-security AI, (b) parallel governance track with sui generis rules, or (c) full civilian-track compliance with national-security override. Most instruments choose (a); the field debates whether this leaves a dangerous gap.

Bibliography

1. Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 — EU AI Act.
2. CP 815 (2023) — UK Pro-Innovation Approach to AI Regulation (White Paper).
3. Policy Window — National Security Carveouts in AI Regulation (cross-jurisdiction topic article with full coverage matrix).

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