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France Reaffirms Its Confidence in Heckler & Koch

New AIF Contract: More Than 70,000 HK416F Rifles for the French Armed Forces Over the Next Ten Years

On 2 November 2026, the French defence procurement agency, Direction générale de l'armement (DGA), awarded Heckler & Koch France a further contract under the Armement Individuel Futur (AIF) programme. The agreement provides for the delivery of more than 70,000 HK416F assault rifles, together with suppressors and optical sights, over a ten-year period.

The renewed contract underscores the French Ministry of the Armed Forces' continued confidence in Heckler & Koch and the performance of its products. Since 2017, the company has supplied more than 100,000 firearms to the French Armed Forces.

More than a decade of operational experience with the HK416F has contributed to the weapon's continuous development. Working closely with the French Army Technical Section (STAT), the French Armed Forces General Staff (EMA) and operational units, Heckler & Koch has systematically refined the rifle to meet the evolving requirements of military personnel. Particular emphasis has been placed on improving ergonomics and reducing weight. These enhancements will ensure that French service personnel continue to benefit from modern, highly capable and technologically advanced small arms.

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In April 2026, Heckler & Koch was also awarded a further support contract by the Structure intégrée du maintien en condition opérationnelle des matériels terrestres (SIMMT), the French organisation responsible for maintaining the operational readiness of land equipment. Together, the two agreements highlight the continuity of a successful collaboration and further strengthen the long-standing partnership between Heckler & Koch and the French Armed Forces.

With these latest contracts, Heckler & Koch further consolidates its position as Europe's leading supplier of small arms. The company remains firmly committed to supporting the French Armed Forces by providing high-quality, reliable and high-performance weapons that meet the demanding requirements of modern military operations.



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