Responsible Use and Human Control

How people stay in control of our systems, and whom we supply.

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01 Purpose

Adhara, our command and control software, brings sensors and machines into one picture and proposes plans and intercepts. The machines it commands, such as drones, effectors and vehicles, are made by others. This policy sets out how Adhara keeps a person in control of every decision to use force, and whom we supply. It also covers our other products where it names them.

In this document, “AVVI”, “we” and “us” mean the company named in the imprint on avvi.ch/legal and the companies in its group.

02 Our commitments for Adhara

These are requirements for the product. A function that does not meet them does not reach a customer.

- A named person approves every engagement. Adhara proposes; it never decides to engage, for any function and any kind of machine, in the air, on land or at sea.
- If the time to decide runs out and nobody has decided, nothing is launched. There is no default action.
- Adhara never changes the weapons control status (such as Hold, Tight or Free) by itself. Only an authorised person does.
- Adhara gives the operator an abort for every mission it commands. How a machine carries out an abort depends on the machine, and the customer must know this before using it.
- A lost link never lets Adhara give a machine a new target or a wider task.
- Adhara keeps a record of every proposal, approval and engagement. The record is kept on the customer’s side, where the customer decides how long it is kept, and can be exported.
- Each version we supply comes with a description of its known limits.

03 How we develop

- Detection models are trained and tested on real recordings. We do not publish the details.

- A new capability or a significant change, such as a new kind of target, more autonomy, a new sensor or domain, or a change to the approval steps, is reviewed by Management and the heads of engineering and legal before it reaches a customer.
- We keep our test, release and review records for 15 years.

04 Whom we supply

We supply Adhara, and any other product that needs an export licence, only to governments, armed forces and organisations they authorise, and only after the export, end use, sanctions and other checks the law requires (AVVI-POL-005). We do not supply where we believe a product would be used:

- for internal repression or serious violations of human rights;
- for serious violations of international humanitarian law;
- in connection with chemical, biological or nuclear weapons or the missiles that can deliver them;
- against the terms of an export licence or an arms embargo.

05 What we ask of customers

- Use our products in line with international humanitarian law, human rights law, their rules of engagement and national law.
- Carry out any legal review of new weapons and methods of warfare their state requires; we provide the information they need for it.
- Keep a named person responsible for every engagement, and train operators before they use the product.
- Do not modify, disable or bypass safety functions, and do not connect machines in a way that removes the human approval.
- Do not resell or transfer our products, or use them outside the authorised end use, without our written consent and the licences the law requires.

06 Our other products

- Feint places decoys only inside the customer's own network. It does not act outside that network and does not attack the intruder's systems. Opening a deeper layer of decoys needs the approval of a named person.
- HF4 is an assistant. People check its answers and do not leave decisions about people's rights, safety or legal position to it alone.
- REN protects what it carries with end-to-end encryption. It does not protect against a compromised device or a person who passes a message on.

07 If we learn of misuse

We look into any credible report that a product is being misused. We may stop support, updates and supply, and we inform the authorities where the law requires it. Report misuse through avvi.ch/contact (choose “Legal & compliance”).

08 Ownership

Management owns this policy and reviews it every year, and whenever a capability review changes what a product does.

Version 2 replaces version 1 of 1 November 2026. AVVI now makes software only; the parts about our own interceptor are removed.

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