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Your application for access to Frontex documents

Dear Mr Semsrott,

With reference to your application registered on 25 June 2019, asking for access to

Monthly Report on composition and deployment of equipment from the Technical Equipment Pool

I am interested in the newest version. If there is a June report, please send it to me. If there is not, please send me the latest one available, i.e. May or, if not possible, April,

please be informed that Frontex can grant you access to the document, which you find herewith attached. Please note however that some parts of the document fall under exceptions under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹ and had to be expunged, namely:

- Page 1: The non-disclosed parts refer to details of the operational area and cannot be released. Disclosing such details would provide terrorist organizations as well as smuggling and other criminal networks with intelligence enabling them to change their modus operandi which would ultimately put the life of migrants in danger. Consequently, the course of ongoing and future similar operations would be hampered by depriving the operations of any strategy and element of surprise, ultimately defeating their purpose to counter and prevent cross-border crime and unauthorized border crossings. In this light, the disclosure of the parts containing such information would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security in the sense of Article 4(1)(a) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.
- Page 3 et seq.: The non-disclosed parts refer to technical equipment deployed in the operational area. Disclosing such information would be tantamount to disclosing the exact type and capabilities of the equipment and permit conclusions regarding its usual position as well as strengths and weaknesses of equipment used in certain areas of the operational area. Releasing such information on ongoing operations would benefit terrorist organizations and criminal networks, enabling them to change their modus operandi and consequently result in hampering the course of ongoing and future similar operations. This would ultimately obstruct the purpose of such operations: to counter and prevent cross-border crime and unauthorized border crossings. In this light, the disclosure of such information regarding the technical equipment would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security in the sense of Article 4(1)(a) first indent of

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and COMMISSION documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of Transparency Office

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Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, within 15 working days of the receipt of this letter, you may submit a confirmatory application to Frontex to reconsider its position. Based on Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, Frontex will reply to you within 15 working days from the registration of such application. You can submit your confirmatory application by post or electronically.

Attachment: Composition and deployment of equipment from the Technical Equipment Pool - May 2019
(11 pages)

List of Acronyms

BS	Border Surveillance
CPB	Coastal Patrol Boat, less than 600 nm autonomy
CPV	Coastal Patrol Vessel, between 600 and 1500 nm autonomy
EFCA	European Fisheries Control Agency
FWA	Fixed Wing Aircraft
FWC	Framework Contract
ISF	Internal Security Fund
JO	Joint Operation
MNITE	Minimum Number of Items of Technical Equipment
MS	Member States
OPV	Offshore Patrol Vessel, more than 1500 nm autonomy
SAC	Schengen Associated Countries
TEP	Technical Equipment Pool
TVV	Thermo Vision Vehicle

This report provides the following information:

Composition of the Technical Equipment Pool* (TEP) – the current state of play of all the registered assets in the TEP, including the items purchased under the Internal Security Fund Specific Action, broken down by type of equipment and number;

Deployment overview – information about the deployed assets during the period of consideration broken down by type of equipment, share of assets and operational domain;

Minimum Number of Items of Technical Equipment (MNITE) – the report provides information regarding the planned and deployed assets which form part of the MNITE for the respective month;

Deployment breakdown – the report provides a deployment breakdown by Joint Operation, number and type of the equipment and contributing Member State (MS);

Calls for contributions – the report provides detailed information about the Calls for contributions by Member States for the reinforcement of Frontex coordinated joint operations.

In addition the report provides information related to the deployment of technical equipment i.e. the overall number of performed patrolling hours by the deployed assets and the number of financed patrolling hours by Frontex out of those performed. The report provides an interpretation of the numbers of the deployed assets and information related to the development of the TEP, such as the acquisition or leasing of technical equipment by Frontex.

* Number of technical equipment registered in Opera

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1. TEP overview*

On 31 May 2019, the TEP was composed of Technical Equipment owned by Member States and Schengen Associated Countries (MS/SAC), and technical equipment owned by Frontex. Table 1 shows the composition of the TEP in May 2019 divided by Heavy, Light and Portable Technical Equipment. Chart 1, Chart 2 and Chart 3 present detailed breakdown of the TEP by type of active equipment.

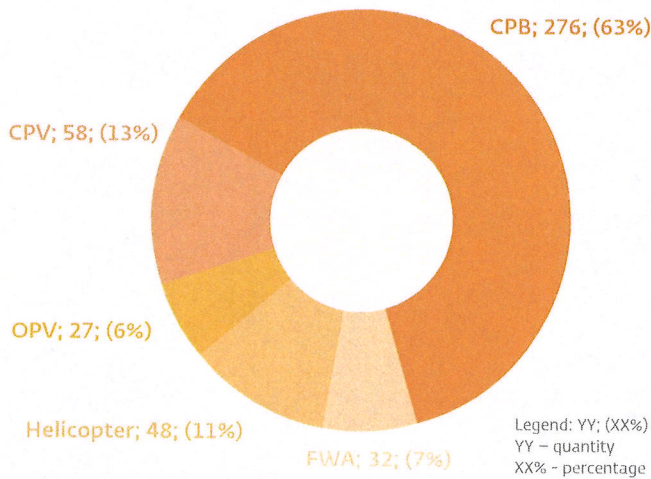
Table 1 – Composition of the TEP in May 2019

	Number	Percentage
Heavy TEP share by types of equipment	441	36.03%
Light TEP share by types of equipment	193	15.77%
Portable TEP share by types of equipment	590	48.20%
Total	1 224	100.00%

* Data extracted from Opera on 31 May 2019.

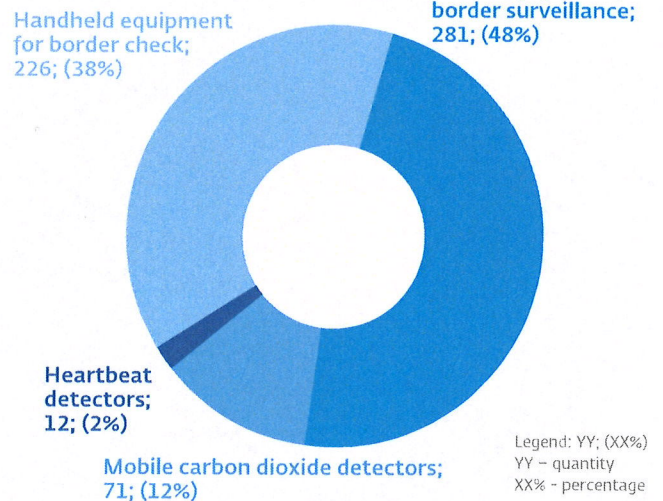
Heavy TEP

Chart 1



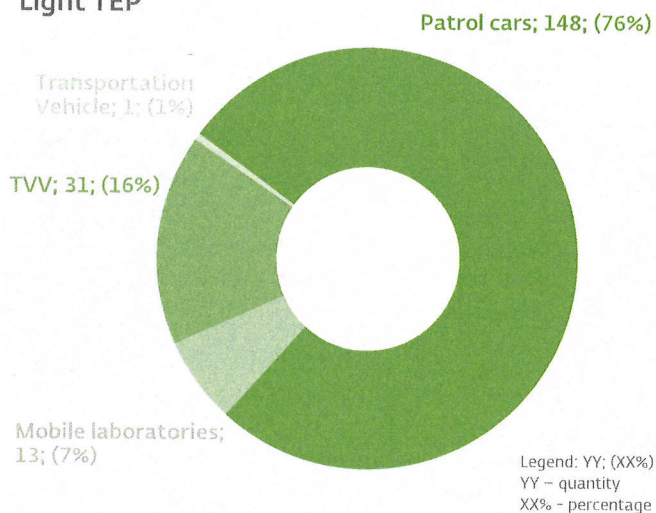
Portable TEP

Chart 3



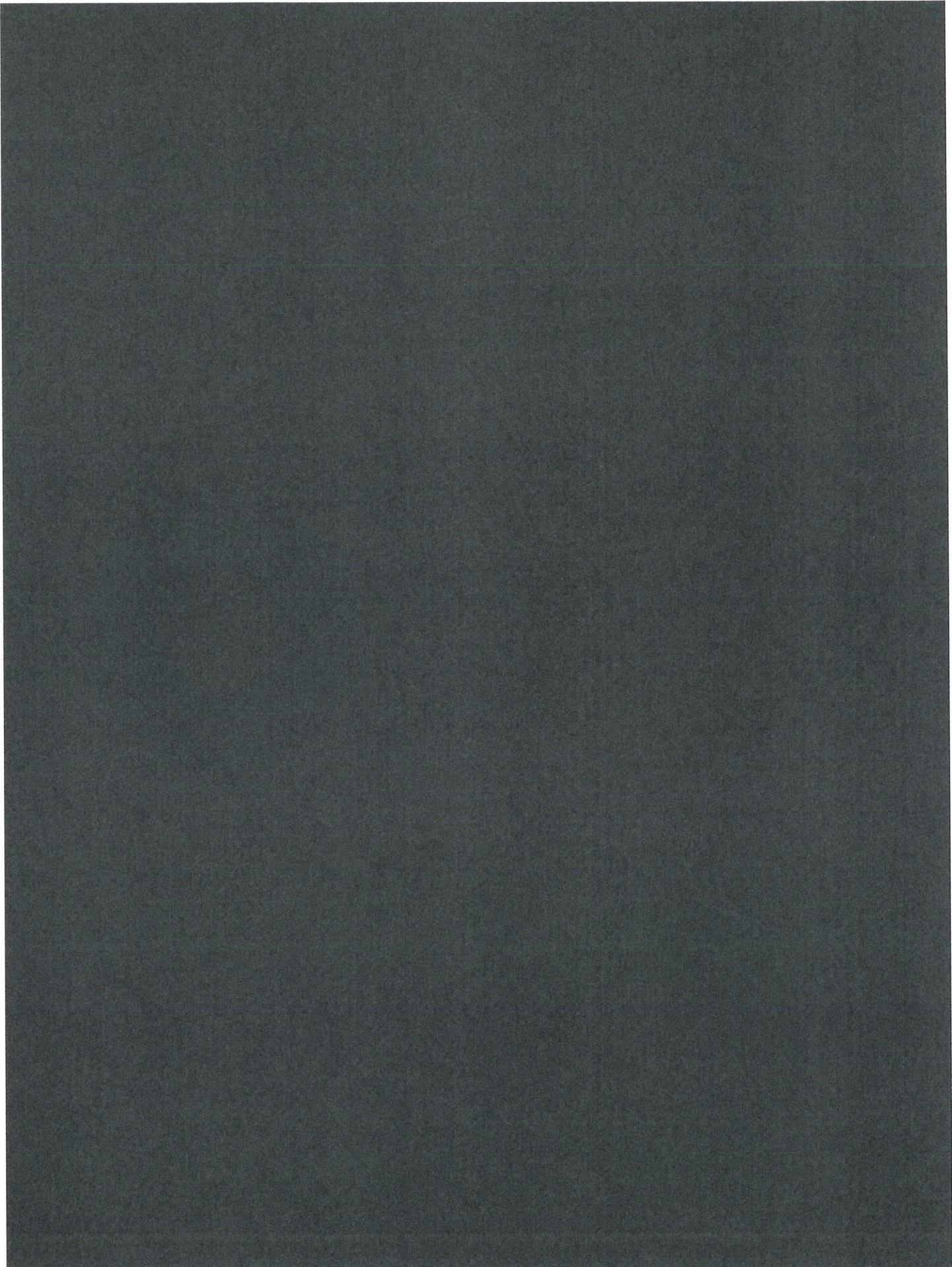
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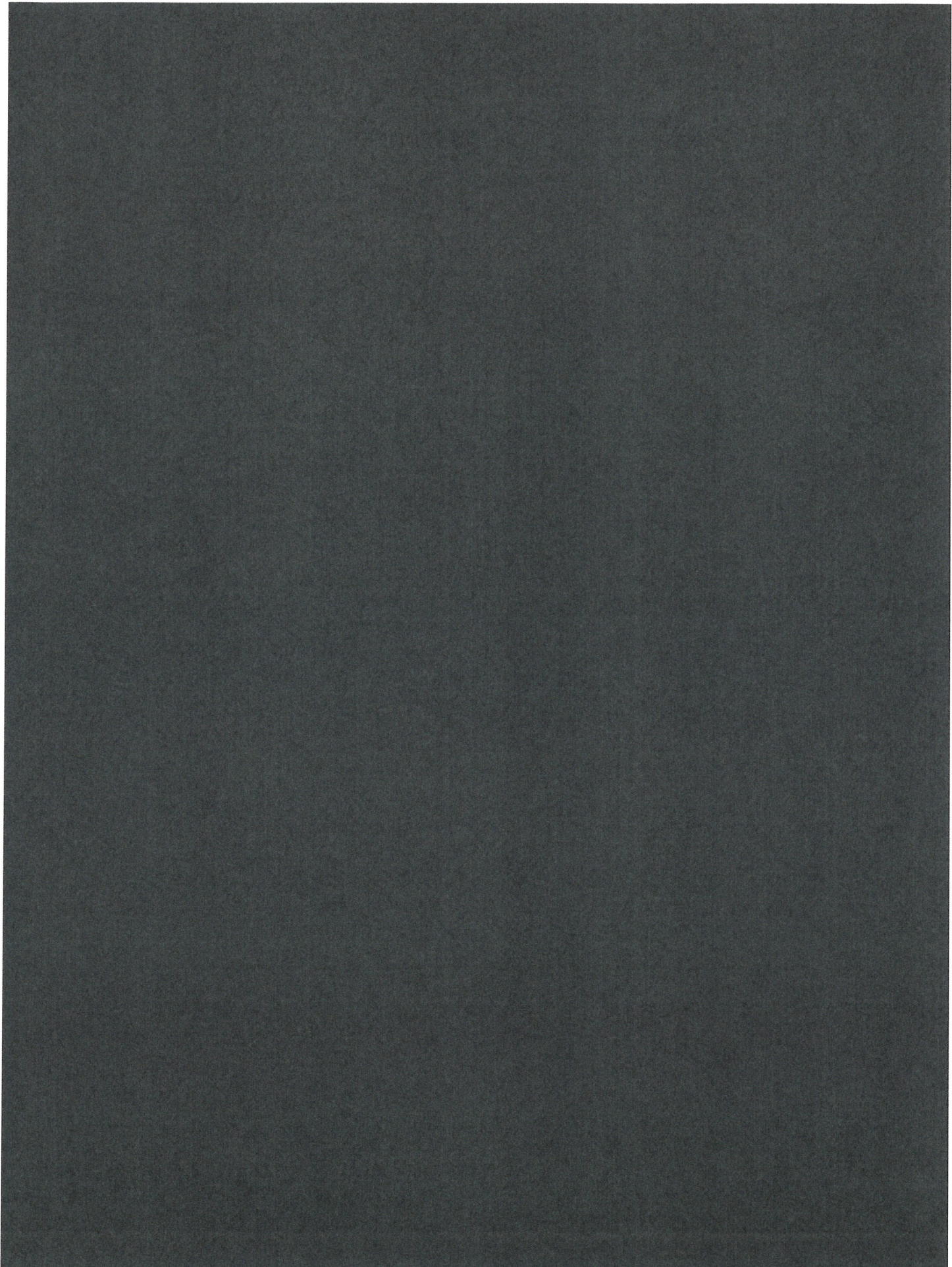
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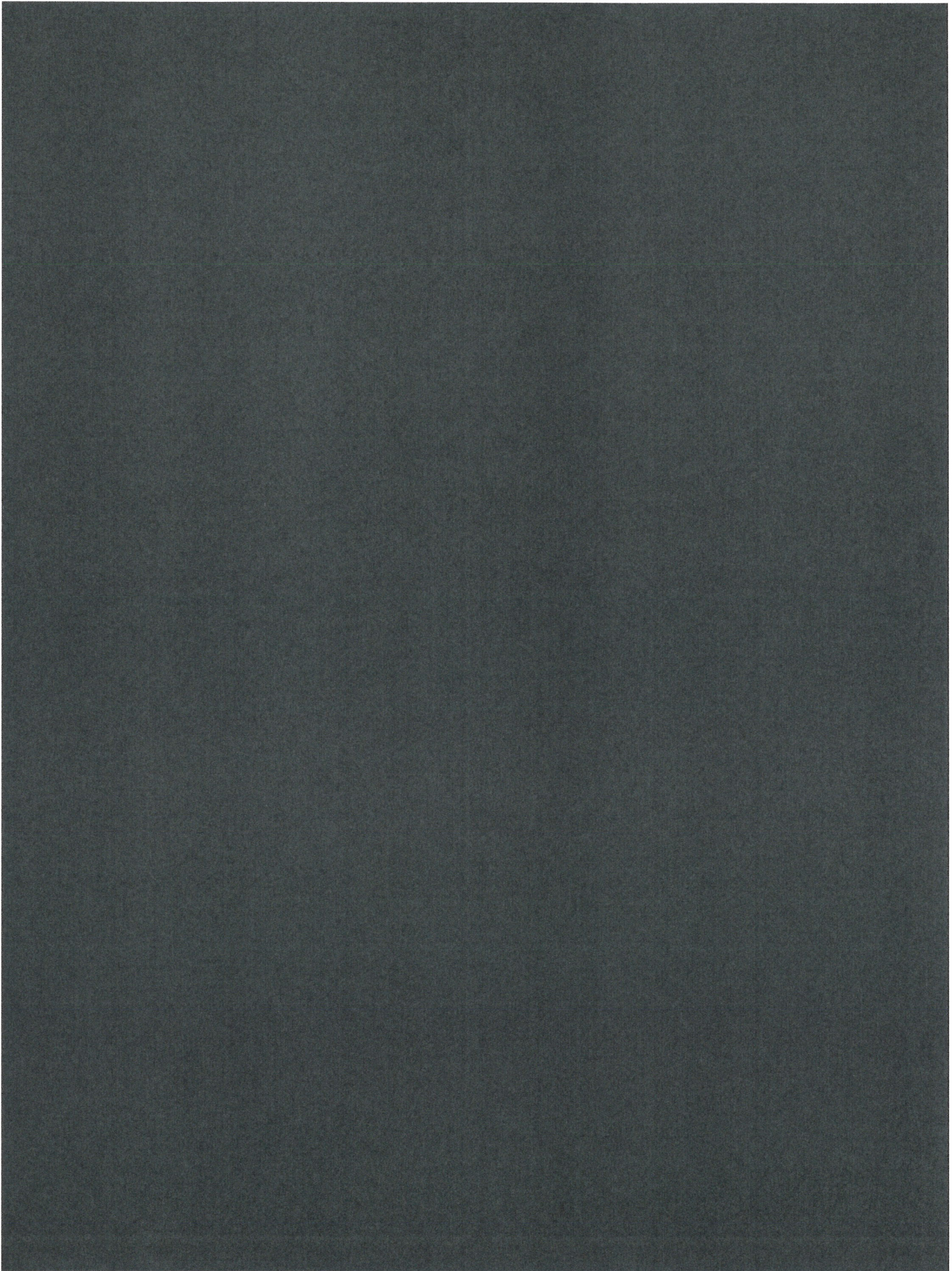


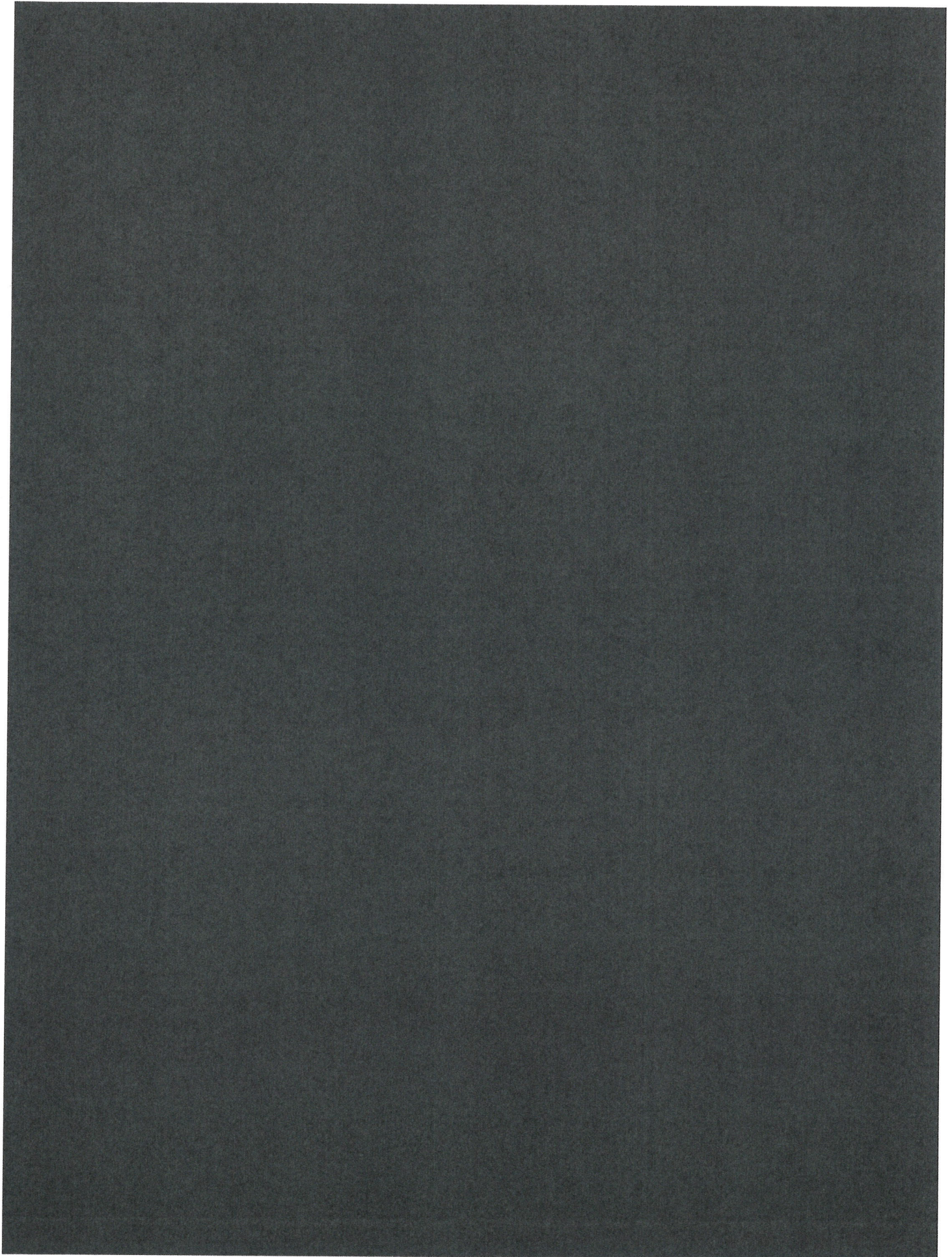
Handheld Equipment for Border Check: Document checking device with microscope connected to a computer, basic forgery detection kits, UV lights and others.

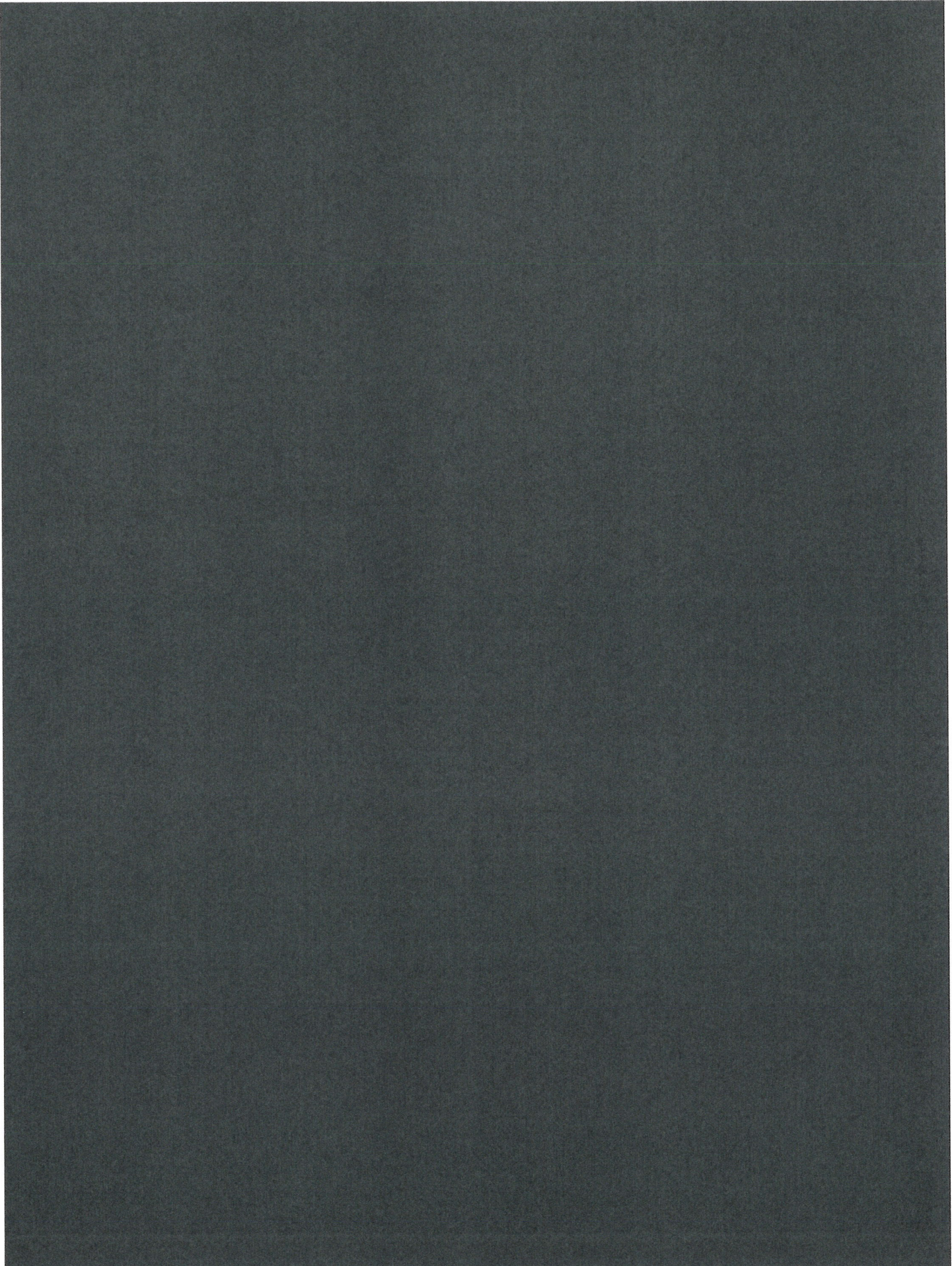
Other Equipment for BS: Mobile radar unit, infrared camera, thermal camera, night vision goggles and others.

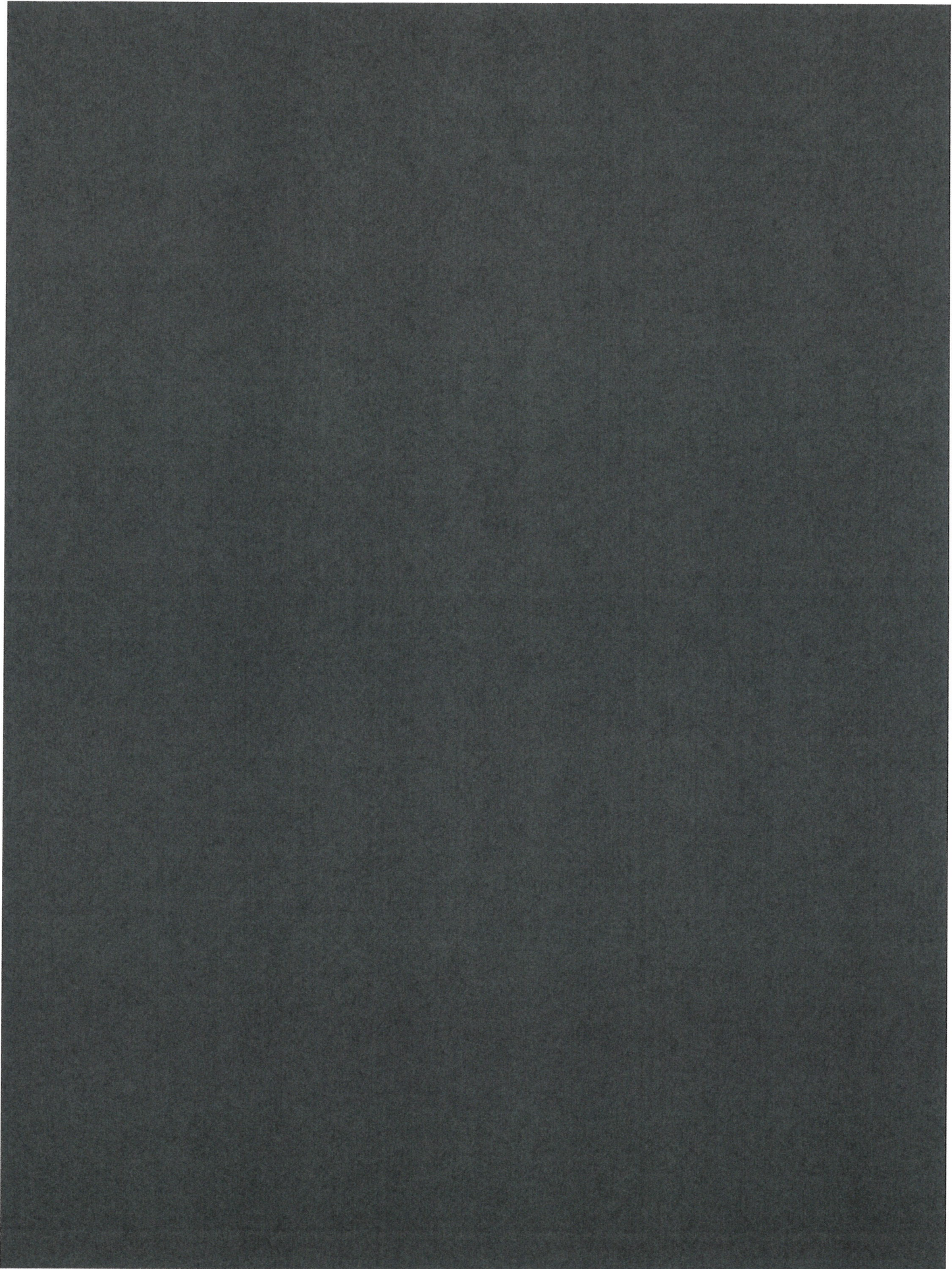












6. Composition of the Technical Equipment Pool in May 2019

Composition of the Technical Equipment Pool by types of assets and by Member State (data extracted from Opera on 31 May 2019).

Table 5

MS/SAC	HEAVY TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT								LIGHT TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT					
	A1 - Fixed wing aircraft (FWA) - less than 4 hours autonomy	A2 - Fixed wing aircraft (FWA) - between 4 and 8 hours autonomy	A3 - Fixed wing aircraft (FWA) - more than 8 hours autonomy	H2L - Helicopter (HELO) - more than 2 hours autonomy - fitted for land operations	H2S - Helicopter (HELO) - more than 2 hours autonomy - fitted for sea operations	M1 - Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV), more than 1500 nm autonomy	M2 - Coastal Patrol Vessel (CPV), between 600 and 1500 nm autonomy	M3 - Coastal Patrol Boat (CPB), less than 600 nm autonomy	Grand Total Heavy TEP	T7 - Patrol Car (PC)	T8 - Mobile laboratory	T9 - Vehicle equipped for border surveillance (TVV)	T10 - Transportation Vehicle	Grand Total Light TEP
FRONTEX									0	16				16
Austria				1					1		4	0		4
Belgium									0					0
Bulgaria						1			1					0
Croatia						1		5	6	5	1			6
Cyprus					1		1		2					0
Czech Republic									0	4	5			9
Denmark									0					0
Estonia		1						1	2	3				3
Finland		1						2	3					0
France	2				2	4	1		9					0
Germany				2	1	1		2	6	57				57
Greece	2				1	5	5	72	85					0
Hungary									0	28	4	1		33
Iceland	1		1			1			3					0
Italy	5	6	1		26	8	36	96	178					0
Latvia					2			4	6	2	5			7
Lithuania				2	1			1	4	1	1			2
Luxembourg	1								1		1			1
Malta	1	2					2	9	14					0
Netherlands	2					1		1	4	12				12
Norway									0					0
Poland		2		1	1	1			5		4			4
Portugal			2		1	3	10	82	98	2	1			3
Romania					1	1	3		5	15	2			17
Slovakia		1							1	2				2
Slovenia				4					4	6	3			9
Spain			1		1				2	5	1			6
Sweden								1	1					0
Switzerland									0	2				2
United Kingdom									0					0
GRAND TOTAL	14	13	5	10	38	27	58	276	441	148	13	31	1	193

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Table 5 (cont.)

MS/SAC	PORTABLE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT											Grand Total Portable TEP
	BC1 - Basic Forgery detection kits	BC2 - UV Lights	BC7 - Mobile carbon dioxide detector	BC8 - Heart beat detectors	BC11 - Document checking device with microscope connected to a computer	BC12 - Other equipment for border checks	T1 - Mobile Radar Unit	T2 - Infrared Camera	T3 - Thermal Camera	T4 - Night Vision Goggles	T11 - other	
FRONTEX			15	10	73			18	38	29	183	
Austria											0	
Belgium											0	
Bulgaria											0	
Croatia											0	
Cyprus											0	
Czech Republic											0	
Denmark											0	
Estonia			6					3		56	65	
Finland											0	
France											0	
Germany				1				10			11	
Greece											0	
Hungary								4	15	40	59	
Iceland											0	
Italy							1				1	
Latvia											0	
Lithuania						2			1	4	7	
Luxembourg	5					6					11	
Malta											0	
Netherlands	125				4						129	
Norway											0	
Poland								15	25		40	
Portugal								3			3	
Romania	10										10	
Slovakia											0	
Slovenia								2	2		4	
Spain				1				9	1		11	
Sweden											0	
Switzerland						1	2	3			6	
United Kingdom			50								50	
GRAND TOTAL	140	0	71	12	77	9	1	2	67	82	129	590

