



Industry Security Notice

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Subject: Definition of MOD Identifiable Information

Introduction

1. This Industry Security Notice (ISN) sets out the definition of MOD identifiable information to be used when deciding whether contracts are in scope for requiring suppliers to hold Cyber Essentials Scheme certification and, from April 2017, whether they meet the threshold for at least Very Low Risk in the Cyber Security Model. This ISN should be read in conjunction with [ISN 2016/01](#). Further information on the Cyber Essentials Scheme can be found on the Gov.uk website [HERE](#).

Definition

2. MOD Identifiable Information is defined as:
 - All Electronic Information which is attributed to or could identify an existing or proposed MOD capability, defence activities or personnel and which the MOD requires to be protected against loss, misuse, corruption, alteration and unauthorised disclosure.
 - “Electronic Information” means all information generated, processed, transferred or otherwise dealt with under or in connection with the Contract, including but not limited to Data, recorded or preserved on any information system or electronic communications network.
3. The list of illustrative criteria below is a guide of the factors to consider when deciding if a requirement is within the scope of MOD Identifiable Information. It is not a definitive list and you must consider each requirement on a case-by-case basis, and adopt a reasonable, pragmatic and proportionate approach when deciding what you should class as within scope.
4. Information shall not be considered to be MOD Identifiable Information where it is already in the public domain at the time of disclosure otherwise than by a breach of any contractual or common law duty of confidentiality

Illustrative Criteria

Information which would typically be excluded from MOD Identifiable Information (unless notified otherwise in writing)	Information which would typically be included in MOD Identifiable Information (unless notified otherwise in writing)
Contract Name (unless specified in a Contract specific Security Aspects Letter (SAL)) Contract Number (unless specified in a Contract specific SAL) Quantity and Delivery schedule (unless specified in a Contract specific SAL) Delivery Address (unless specified in a Contract	MOD Statements of Work (SOW) MOD Technical Requirements MOD Acceptance and Test Parameters (and corresponding results) MOD Drawings MOD Documents

specific SAL) DEFCONs and Def Stans Standard Contract Text AQAP Quality Conditions Standard Industry / Commercial accreditation (e.g. BS Standards) Company Proprietary Information COTS (Commercial Off The Shelf) product information	MOD Interface Drawings / Documents Documents marked as OFFICIAL SENSITIVE or with any form of handling instruction Anything covered by a SAL (which always take precedence) Foreground IP Personal Data / Medical records and all information covered by the Data Protection Act (DPA) Firmware / Software deliverables MOD Marked Property and Equipment, including “free issue” and temporary loan assets (GFE) Contract CDRLs i.e. data deliverables Industry provide to MOD under the contract and which effectively become MOD property.
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Action by Industry

5. This ISN is issued for information and guidance for MOD contractors for internal use and promulgation as appropriate. It should also be used when cascading the Cyber Security Model down the supply chain. If you are in doubt as to whether information is within scope, you should contact your MOD Contracting Authority for guidance.

Validity / Expiry Date

6. There is no expiry date to this ISN.

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