



Ministry
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MOD Facility Security Clearance (FSC) Policy and Guidance for UK Defence Contractors and MOD Contracting Authorities

Introduction

1. The purpose of this ISN is to notify Industry of new Facility Security Clearance (FSC) Policy and Guidance for UK Defence Contractors and MOD Contracting Authorities.

Facility Security Clearance (FSC) Policy and Guidance

2. UK Contractors are contractually obligated to comply with the security requirements specified in Government Functional Standard GovS 007: Security which includes several supplementary documents. One of these supplements already covers the Facility Security Clearance (FSC) requirement (formerly known as List X) but it is a cross government document aimed at all UK Government Departments/Contractors.

3. Individual UK Government Departments are responsible for their own FSC accreditation and assurance, so it has been deemed necessary to issue FSC Policy and Guidance which covers the specific FSC process for Defence Contractors including any MOD bespoke requirements.

4. The new policy and guidance is a MOD supplement to GovS: 007. It does take into account the introduction of Industry Personnel Security Assurance (IPSA) and the renaming of List X to FSC but does not include any new protective security controls for Defence Contractors.

5. The FSC Policy and Guidance for UK Defence Contractors and MOD Contracting Authorities can be found at:

Validity / Expiry Date

6. This ISN will expire when superseded or withdrawn.

MOD Point of Contact Details

7. The point of contact in respect of this ISN is:

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