Industry Security Notice

Number 2023/10 dated 28 July 2023

Subject: **Arrangements for the registration and assurance of supplier systems processing MOD information**

Introduction

1.   This ISN details the registration requirements for systems, services and/or applications (hereafter referred to as "assets") that handle Ministry of Defence (MOD) information.

2.   It alerts and instructs all suppliers that they are absolved of any contractual requirement to register these assets on DART.

Status

3.   This ISN supersedes ISN 2017/01, which is withdrawn.

Applicability

4.   This ISN applies to all suppliers engaged on contracts for which the UK MOD is a contracting party, or subcontracts thereof where such handling requirements are specified by UK MOD.

5.   Where security graded, or classified, UK information is being handled outside of the above circumstances, contracting parties are directed to refer to the relevant national guidance for handling of security graded, or classified, information of agreed equivalent sensitivity as appropriate.

Issue

6.   MOD has adopted a Secure by Design (SbD) approach to embedding cyber security into military and digital capability programmes. This focuses responsibility for cyber security on SROs and Capability Owners, supported by Delivery Teams.

Asset categorisation

7.   Assets now fall into one of the following categories:

   a.   **Category 1: Assets being provided as a deliverable under an MOD contract**. This includes any associated assets essential to the operation of the deliverable where MOD is the sole user (for example an aircraft ground support system). These assets will be registered by the MOD Delivery Team on the Cyber Assurance Activity Tracker (CAAT) application.

   b.   **Category 2: Assets owned or leased by the supplier which store or process MOD information** (e.g. corporate systems). The Defence Cyber Security Model (CSM), covered by DEFCON 658 and DefStan 05-138, requires suppliers to provide details of the overarching cyber security measures in place for these assets, and suppliers should continue to follow the process set out within the CSM.

   c.   **Category 3: Assets essential to the deliverable, but where MOD is not the sole user** (for example a spare parts application, also used by other customers of the supplier). Suppliers must consider such assets within the CSM as for category 2.

Action by Industry

8.   Suppliers are no longer required to register their assets on DART (or any successor CyDR security support tool) for the purpose of accreditation.

9.   For deliverables covered by category 1, suppliers must assist their MOD Delivery Team by providing information for CAAT when requested.

10.   For categories 2 and 3, this ISN does not require any additional actions to be taken by industry. For the avoidance of doubt, you are required to continue to comply with the Cyber Security Model, DEFCON 658 and DefStan 05-138.

Additional Information

11.   If the content of this ISN conflicts with a contract-specific Security Aspects Letter (SAL), or for any further information/clarification, please refer to your MOD Delivery Team.

Validity / Expiry Date

12.   This ISN will expire when superseded or withdrawn.

MOD Point of Contact Details

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

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