Ministry of Defence

Industry Security Notice

Number 2025/07 dated 26 November 2025

CONTENT EFFECTIVE FROM 00:01 GMT 3 DECEMBER 2025

Subject: **Implementation of CSM (v4) and revocation of Interim measures in support of DEFCON 658**

Introduction

1. This Industry Security Notice (ISN):

   a. Cancels the temporary procedures outlined in ISN 2025/01 and reinstates the Cyber Security Model (CSM) process in support of DEFCON 658; and

   b. Cancels the temporary arrangements outlined in ISN 2024/02.

Status

2. This ISN supersedes ISN 2025/06, ISN 2025/01 and ISN 2024/02, which are withdrawn.

Applicability

3. This ISN applies to all suppliers engaged on contracts for which the UK MOD is a contracting party, or subcontracts thereof.

Issue

4. ISN 2025/01[1] established temporary measures for DEFCON 658 processes, while ISN 2024/02 set the pre-publication of DEFSTAN 05-138 (Issue 4) as 'FOR INFORMATION ONLY'.

5. This ISN revokes the arrangements outlined in the above ISNs.

Action by Industry

6. Suppliers are instructed to disregard the interim arrangements of ISN 2025/01 and ISN 2024/02, and refer to requirements as set out in contract (DEFCON 658 or provided narrative equivalent). New tooling and guidance for the undertaking of which can be found on gov.uk at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cyber-security-model.

7. From 00:01 on 3 December 2025:

- New Risk Assessments (RAs), and SAQs issued in response to such, **must** be generated and submitted using the tooling made available on gov.uk.
- Existing RAs raised via the interim process but not yet advertised under an ongoing procurement **must** be withdrawn and a new RA raised.
- If an RA was raised via the interim process and advertised under an ongoing procurement before this announcement, the ongoing tender activity (including processing of remaining SAQ submissions) **may** be completed via the interim process, or restarted under a new RA, at MOD's determination.

Existing contracts containing DEFCON 658

8. The requirement for suppliers to review Supplier Assurance Questionnaires (SAQs) annually per DEFCON 658 is reinstated, to take place on the contract's anniversary date.

9. Suppliers will be notified of their updated Cyber Risk Profile level and RAR under CSMv4 in advance of the contract's anniversary date. Suppliers who do not have a v4 RAR in support of their annual resubmission via tooling are advised to request such from their delivery team / buyer in advance of their annual review date.

10. Suppliers should refer to the guidance published at the link above and ensure compliance with the latest issue of DEFSTAN 05-138[2] however updated from time to time, a copy of which is available via STANMIS.

11. Suppliers seeking an updated RA in advance of contracted renewal, or in support of a subcontract procurement, should contact their respective Delivery Team / Buyer.

[1] ISN 2025/01 itself superseded ISN 2021/05, which introduced the Interim Process in support of DEFCON 658.

[2] https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cyber-security-for-defence-suppliers-def-stan-05-138-issue-4

Additional Information

12. It is expected that MOD project teams and SROs take additional notice of the implications of the enhanced organisational resilience requirements for supplier organisations as set out in DEFSTAN 05-138 (Issue 4) during its first year of operation [FY2025/26], ensuring that such are taken into account when determining appropriate timescales for remediation.

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

Validity / Expiry Date

14. This ISN will expire when superseded or withdrawn.

MOD Point of Contact Details

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

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