As of December 31, 2017, all manufacturers involved in the Department of Defense (DoD) supply chain that handle, process, or store Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) must comply with the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) clause 252.204-7012 “Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting.”

These cybersecurity requirements will also soon apply to manufacturers that are part of supply chains for other federal institutions, including the General Services Administration (GSA), NASA, and the Department of Energy (DOE), per the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

You must comply with DFARS, if you handle any Controlled Unclassified Information:

- Covered Defense Information (CDI)
- Confidential Unclassified Information (CUI)
- Controlled Technical Information (CTI)
- DoD Critical Infrastructure Security Information (DCRIT)
- Critical Infrastructure Information (CRIT) in reduced time to market and reduced costs of manufactured product

Why Does My Company Need to Comply with DFARS requirements?

- Failure to comply will lead to the loss of DoD contracts as DFARS requirements are enforced.

- Compliance is a competitive advantage in the face of low adoption among DoD suppliers.

- NARA will adopt similar requirements, creating a general Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) requirement for all federal contractors.

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