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Our Reference: 705740450

Date: 20/06/2023

Dear Sir/Madam

INVITATION TO TENDER REFERENCE: 705740450
CYBER RISK PROFILE FOR ABOVE ITT: HIGH

We refer to the above-mentioned ITT

Please note that, for all contracts and relevant Sub-contracts which are assessed to have a Cyber Risk Profile of HIGH, clause 3.1.3 of DEFCON 658 is suspended until further notice but you must otherwise continue to comply fully with DEFCON 658 Edn 10/22. As part of this process, you must complete the Risk Assessment and Supplier Assurance Questionnaire using the interim process described in ISN 2021-05 and you must continue the flow down throughout the supply chain until the Cyber Risk Profile is no longer assessed to be HIGH.

With effect from 4 June 2021, for all contracts which are assessed to have a Cyber Risk Profile lower than HIGH (i.e. MODERATE, LOW or VERY LOW), the MOD confirms that the following clauses of DEFCON 658 shall operate as set out below until further notice by ISN and letter:

Clauses 3.1.1 and 3.1.2:

These clauses shall remain in effect for **all** MOD awarded contracts but, where a MOD awarded contract has a Cyber Risk Profile below HIGH and/or where a Sub-contract has a Cyber Risk Profile below HIGH, this clause is suspended for all relevant lower tier Sub-contracts which are awarded on or after 4 June 2021. Please see the diagrams attached at Annex A to this letter which are provided for illustrative purposes.

Clause 3.1.3:

This clause is suspended for all contracts and Sub-contracts which are due to re-complete the CSM Supplier Assurance Questionnaire between 4 June 2021 and the end of the interim process.

General:

For the avoidance of doubt please note that:

1. All other provisions of DEFCON 658 will continue to apply;
2. In accordance with clause 3.1.9, DEFCON 658 should continue to be included in all relevant Sub-contracts. Strictly to the limited extent outlined above and in relation to Sub-contracts assessed to have a Cyber Risk Profile below HIGH, MOD is content for contractors to offer their Sub-contractors a suspension of the equivalent provisions to 3.1.1, 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 until the full Supplier Cyber Protection Service is available again;
3. For Sub-contracts where the prime contract with MOD has been assessed to have a Cyber Risk Profile of MODERATE, LOW or VERY LOW, it is a matter for you to determine how best to ensure that cyber risk is appropriately managed until the full Supplier Cyber Protection Service is available again. However, contractors are expected to act reasonably and proportionately in relation to relevant Sub-contracts.

The Supplier Cyber Protection Service tool is expected to be fully operational in the Autumn of 2021 and the MOD will notify you by ISN and letter when you should recommence the use of the online tool.

At this point, MOD will also confirm the period within which:

- a. any annual renewals of CSM Supplier Assurance Questionnaires must be completed in order to be considered compliant with clause 3.1.3 of DEFCON 658; and
- b. Sub-contracts with a Cyber Risk Profile of MODERATE, LOW and VERY LOW must again comply with all of the obligations set out in clauses 3.1.1 and 3.1.2.

This period is expected to be no less than 6 weeks, although may be longer depending on the period for which the Supplier Cyber Protection Service has been offline.

Signed electronically on behalf of the MOD.

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Please sign and date this letter below and return by post and email to the MOD Commercial Officer at the email address above to confirm receipt and acknowledge the provisions set out above.

Signed on behalf of the Contractor by

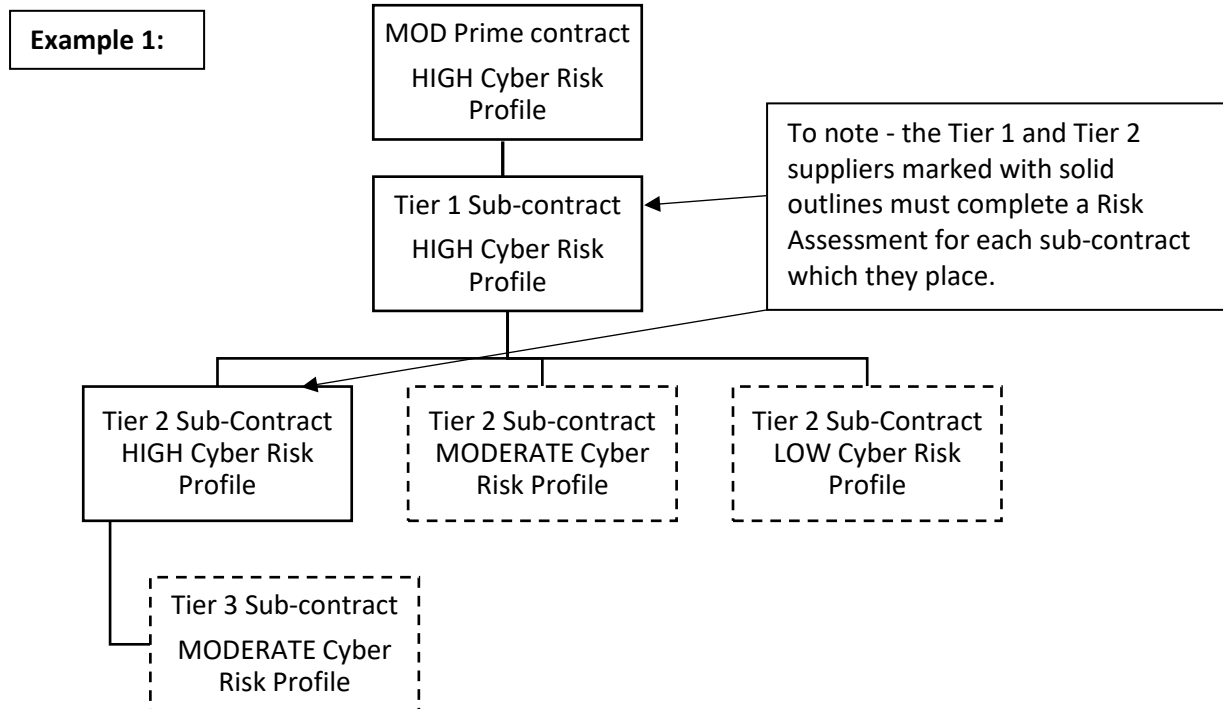
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Annex A - Illustrative Examples

In relation to contracts awarded on or after 4 June 2021, clauses 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 of DEFCON 658 continue to apply to all contracts / Sub-contracts marked with solid outlines below but are suspended for those shown with dashed outlines.

For the avoidance of doubt, Supplier Assurance Questionnaires should still be completed, using the interim process, for Sub-contracts where the sub-contractor is in receipt of a Risk Assessment from a higher tier contractor.

Boxes marked with an * indicate lower tier Sub-contracts where the sub-contractor has not received a Risk Assessment from a higher tier contractor and will not have completed a Supplier Assurance Questionnaire during the interim cyber assurance process. They are therefore estimated to have the Cyber Risk Profile indicated for illustrative purposes only.



Example 2:

