

New Government Security Classification Rolls-Royce Submarines Expected Implementation

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For the attention of the Managing Director

Dear Sir or Madam,

Scope/Applicability

All suppliers to Rolls-Royce Submarines.

Introduction

A previous letter describing the implementation of the new Government Security Classification (GSC) system and associated actions was distributed to Rolls-Royce Submarines suppliers on the 11th April 2014. This subsequent NTS has been issued to provide further information and guidance to the Rolls-Royce Submarines supply chain.

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) has revised the current Government Protective Marking Scheme (GPMS) thereby resulting in changes to the classification and protection of information. From April 2014 the UK Government has adopted the new Government Security Classification (GSC) system with a simplified approach using only three levels of classification: OFFICIAL (including OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE), SECRET and TOP SECRET. Previous classifications under the GPMS system were UNCLASSIFIED, PROTECT, RESTRICTED, CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET and TOP SECRET.

We will be required to implement the revised classification system upon receipt of formal notification from our customers in the form of a Ministry of Defence (MoD) Security Aspects Letter (SAL). As a result, our suppliers will also be expected to flow-down these requirements.

Action Required

The anticipated GSC system implementation date for Rolls-Royce Submarines is 31st March 2015. The best estimate for us to then subsequently roll-out the GSC system to our suppliers is April 2015 onwards.

Our suppliers will be expected to fulfil the requirements of the new GSC system to support business capabilities and security compliance following the change. We will provide further information to our suppliers through the issue of a SAL as required, and this will precede the issue of any materials marked solely under the new GSC system. No changes to the handling and management arrangements of any data provided by us is to be made until formal instruction has been received through this route.

Please note that all security classifications assigned using the GPMS system will remain in force and there will be no changes to the way in which we safeguard any such information and assets. If you have any further enquiries please contact Jessica Webb Jessica.Webb2@Rolls-Royce.com or Nigel Ward Nigel.Ward@Rolls-Royce.com. Further information on the development and application of the GSC across Government can be accessed through the www.gov.uk website.

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