

New Government Security Classification system, Rolls-Royce Submarines supplier implementation

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For the attention of Managing Director

Dear Sir or Madam,

Scope/Applicability

All suppliers to Rolls-Royce Submarines.

Introduction

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. The new Government Security Classification (GSC) system is 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.

From April 2015 we adopted the new GSC system upon receipt of formal notification from our customers in the form of a Ministry of Defence (MoD) Security Aspects Letter (SAL). Subsequently, our suppliers will also be expected to flow-down these requirements.

Action Required

From June 2015 we have started to distribute SALs to the supply-chain. These SALs are a formal communication providing instructions and guidance on how to handle protectively marked information and material under the new GSC. Our suppliers are expected to fulfil the requirements of the new GSC system to support business capabilities and security compliance.

SALs will be distributed via email to those suppliers who manage information and assets that are protectively marked as OFFICIAL SENSITIVE (GPMS: RESTRICTED) or above, 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 is received through this route.

Suppliers are expected to formally respond to the SAL within 7 days of receipt. If a SAL has been communicated in error or is deemed not necessary, please contact Jessica Webb Jessica.Webb2@Rolls-Royce.com or Nigel Ward Nigel.Ward@Rolls-Royce.com.

If you receive material which is marked as OFFICIAL SENSITIVE (GPMS: RESTRICTED) or above and have not received a new GSC SAL from us by 31st Aug 2015 please provide us with a security contact name, email address, site address and the highest security classification received. Please address this information to the contact names above.

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 such information and assets. 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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