



Notice to Suppliers

Rolls-Royce Defence Supplier Update on COVID-19

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For the attention of all Rolls-Royce Defence Suppliers

Scope/Applicability:

All suppliers within the Rolls-Royce Defence Supply Chain

Dear supply partner,

Rolls-Royce Defence continues to ensure its business is able to operate and deliver to meet the needs of our customers.

With very few exceptions, defence customer demand remains firm, and in some cases, it has increased. This demand provides much-needed stability and opportunity for those suppliers exposed to the commercial aviation demand, particularly to our suppliers that are in arrears to our demand schedule.

Our largest defence customers, the UK and US, have been clear that it is our duty as suppliers to continue to deliver against their contracts, enabling them to meet their mission requirements and support the general economy. Obviously, staying open and productive is possible only to the extent that we can maintain employee safety.

The UK Government has issued directives to maintain supply to them and their allies, and we are in regular contact with MOD leadership to provide updates on supply. The UK Government has further provided some relief to suppliers given the economic uncertainty. We expect our suppliers to use this relief to help them remain open and to meet our demand schedule. We are also working directly with our partner companies on joint venture programme supply on this basis.

Likewise, the US DoD continues to monitor our delivery performance and supply chain. Specific to the US supply, our orders are normally DPAS rated, meaning you are required to give them priority in your production schedule when resources are limited during this crisis.

Across our Defence business we are monitoring the situation and working diligently to ensure we deliver on schedule. We need your continued delivery and support in order to meet our customer needs. Be assured that we continue to take the COVID-19 outbreak very seriously and will remain engaged with you and our customers and employees through this challenging period. If there are any changes to the guidance we have set out, we will communicate with you directly. If you have any questions arising from this notice, please raise these with your normal Rolls-Royce contact.

Please stay safe.

Yours Sincerely

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