



Manufacturer of Name Plates, Labels, & Overlays For All Industries

Ross Name Plate Cybersecurity Letter

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter serves as an important notice regarding **cybersecurity and ITAR compliance requirements** for all Ross Name Plate suppliers in the U.S. Government supply chain. As part of our ongoing commitment to security and regulatory compliance, it is critical that your organization takes the necessary steps to ensure adherence to the latest Department of Defense (DoD) cybersecurity mandates.

Ross Name Plate Company appreciates your continued efforts in maintaining compliance with DFARS 252.204-7012 and NIST SP 800-171. However, additional cybersecurity requirements have been introduced to further strengthen security across the supply chain. Effective November 30, 2020, DoD Contracting Officers are required to include DFARS 252.204-7019 and DFARS 252.204-7020 in all solicitations and contracts, with the exception of Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) items. These provisions require contractors to conduct and maintain a NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment and submit their score to the Supplier Performance Risk System (SPRS). Additionally, DFARS 252.204-7020 stipulates that contractors **may not** award any subcontract subject to NIST SP 800-171 unless the subcontractor has completed **at least a Basic Assessment** within the last three years.

As the DoD continues to enhance cybersecurity measures, suppliers handling Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) should be prepared for the implementation of Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) requirements. While NIST SP 800-171 remains the foundation of these security expectations, CMMC 2.0 will introduce certification requirements for certain suppliers, particularly those dealing with CUI. To ensure eligibility for future contracts, it is important that your organization is proactively assessing its compliance status and preparing for potential third-party certification where applicable.

In addition to these cybersecurity requirements, it is also essential that suppliers handling ITAR-controlled technical data, products, or services remain fully compliant with International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) as outlined in 22 CFR 120-130. ITAR-controlled data **must not** be stored, shared, or transmitted outside of the United States, and access must be restricted to U.S. persons defined in 22 CFR § 120.62 unless an export license is obtained. Proper labeling, encryption, and access controls should be in place to protect ITAR-related information from unauthorized access.

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We encourage all suppliers to review their current cybersecurity and ITAR compliance measures to ensure alignment with these regulations. If your organization is handling CUI, it should already be in full compliance with NIST SP 800-171 or have a documented Plan of Action & Milestones (POA&M) in place to address any outstanding requirements. The required NIST SP 800-171 assessment score must also be submitted to the SPRS database in accordance with DFARS 252.204-7020.

Your continued compliance with these cybersecurity and ITAR requirements is essential, not only for maintaining your relationship with **Ross Name Plate Company** but also for ensuring the security and integrity of the DoD supply chain. If you have any questions regarding these requirements or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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