

International Joint Assessment Business Rules

1. Purpose.

To foster international partnerships and collaboration, thereby ensuring data in the defense industrial base is protected globally in accordance with US cybersecurity standards. This document aims to guide the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Defense Industrial Base Cybersecurity Assessment Center (DIBCAC) workforce in conducting effective international assessments, identifying unique considerations of current DIBCAC processes, and clarifying for external organizations how DIBCAC collaborates on these efforts. All joint assessments will follow existing DIBCAC processes.

2. Supplement Requirements.

2.1. Scheduling.

- Upon receipt of a foreign company's CMMC Level 3 assessment request, the DCMA DIBCAC scheduler notifies the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) Program Management Office (PMO) of the request by sending an email to the CMMC PMO inbox.
- Upon receipt of an acceptable Final Assessment Readiness Check (FARC) from the CMMC PMO for a CMMC Level 2 assessment of a foreign Prospective C3PAO, the DIBCAC scheduler proceeds with scheduling with the foreign Prospective C3PAO and notifies the CMMC PMO.
- Upon request to perform a DoD High assessment on a foreign company, the DCMA DIBCAC scheduler notifies the CMMC PMO of the request by sending an email to the CMMC PMO inbox.
- Scheduling international assessments requires a minimum of 90 calendar days' notice to allow for adequate coordination.

2.2. Qualifications.

- Foreign nation's assessor must be a government employee or equivalent to a cleared US Systems Engineering and Technical Advisory (SETA) contractor working directly for the foreign government.
- Foreign nation's assessor must meet the same training requirements as DIBCAC assessors. These requirements are documented in the DIBCAC 8140 plan which is available upon request.
- Foreign nation's leadership signs off on the required DIBCAC training forms in lieu of DIBCAC signatures.
- Foreign nation's leadership annually validates designated and qualified assessors participating in training events or joint assessments.

2.3. Assessment Plan.

- DIBCAC assessment lead, as part of the pre-assessment effort, coordinates with participating foreign nation assessors and their leadership on the details of the assessment plan.
- DIBCAC assessment lead provides a final copy of the assessment plan to the participating foreign nation assessors and their leadership.
- DIBCAC assessment lead coordinates with their team chief and group chief to determine the appropriate amount of DIBCAC personnel participation with consideration of previous foreign nation engagements, U.S. Department of State's Travel Advisories (<https://travel.state.gov>), and cybersecurity knowledge.

2.4. Joint Assessment Conduct.

- All foreign nation assessors provide assessment notes in English to the DIBCAC assessment lead or designee.
- The foreign nation provides an interpreter.
- The DIBCAC assessment lead has final decision authority in the determination of the status for each requirement before submission through the DIBCAC approval process.

2.5. Reporting.

- The DIBCAC assessment lead provides the foreign nation a copy of all reports performed under their foreign joint assessments purview via platforms approved to process, store, and transmit CUI, like DoD SAFE.
- The DIBCAC assessment lead is the sole source of data entry into SPRS for DoD High assessments, potential C3PAO Assessment reports, and CMMC eMASS for CMMC Level 3 assessments.

2.6. Appeals.

- DIBCAC leadership notifies foreign nations of appeal notices promptly upon receipt.
- A joint team from DIBCAC and the foreign nation conduct the appeal process.

3. DIBCAC Responsibilities:

- Provides required CMMC Level 3 (DIBCAC) training to foreign nations.
- Collaborates with foreign nations to prepare for and execute joint assessments.
- Collaborates with the foreign nation members.
- Leads all joint assessments.

- Creates an assessment plan and rules of engagement with each foreign nation.
- Provides a unique identifier to each foreign nation's assessor for CMMC eMASS purposes.

4. CMMC PMO Responsibilities:

- Interfaces with foreign nations on the CMMC program and options for their integration into the CMMC ecosystem.
- Initiatives appropriate background checks on foreign nation's members.
- Securely receives CMMC assessment data from foreign nations and C3PAOs via secure protocols approved to process, store, and transmit CUI, like DoD SAFE.
- Enters assessment data into CMMC eMASS adhering to all applicable compliance requirements and data governance.

5. Definitions:

TERM	MEANING
CMMC	Defined in Title 32, CFR, Part 170
DIB	Defined in Title 32, CFR, Part 236.2
Foreign Government	The government of a foreign nation.
Foreign Nation	An independent sovereign state or other geographic entity with which the US DoD has a cooperative relationship.
Joint Assessment	A collaborative assessment process conducted by DIBCAC recognized designated cybersecurity assessors from both a foreign government and the DCMA DIBCAC to evaluate compliance with US DoD requirements.

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