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Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management Practices for Systems and Organizations

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CURRENT EDITION Federal agencies use it to manage cybersecurity supply chain risk, and flow its expectations down to suppliers.

What It Covers

How to identify, assess and respond to cybersecurity risks throughout the supply chain, at the enterprise, mission and operational levels.

Who It Applies To

Federal agencies and their suppliers, and any organization managing cybersecurity risk in what it buys.

Key Requirements

- A cybersecurity supply chain risk management (C-SCRM) strategy, policy, and plan.
- Supplier risk assessment, including software and component provenance.
- Controls tailored from NIST SP 800-53 for the supply chain.
- Information sharing and incident handling with suppliers.

What an Auditor Asks to See

- The C-SCRM plan and how critical suppliers were assessed.

Where Systems Fall Short

- Supplier questionnaires collected and never scored.

How QES helps. Through QES's risk and cybersecurity partner, joined to the quality system's supplier controls. Meet the risk and cybersecurity partner: qesisbest.com/team.html#partners · +1 (401) 246-3204 · mweeden@qesisbest.com

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