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DoD issues guidance as ban on Chinese companies takes effect

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The first phase of the Pentagon's effort to eliminate Chinese military-linked companies from the defense industrial base supply chain takes effect this week, barring defense contractors from working directly with companies on the department's blacklist.

Section 805 of the fiscal 2024 defense authorization bill prohibits the Defense Department from entering into, renewing or extending a contract for the procurement of goods, services or technology with firms designated by the Pentagon as Chinese military companies under its Section 1260H list. This "direct" ban went into effect June 30.

In 2027, however, the rules will get much stricter — the legislation requires the Defense Department to stop buying goods, services and technology from companies that are indirectly involved with firms blacklisted by the Pentagon by June 30, 2027. Cutting ties with those companies can be far more challenging than just avoiding Chinese businesses on the 1260H list.

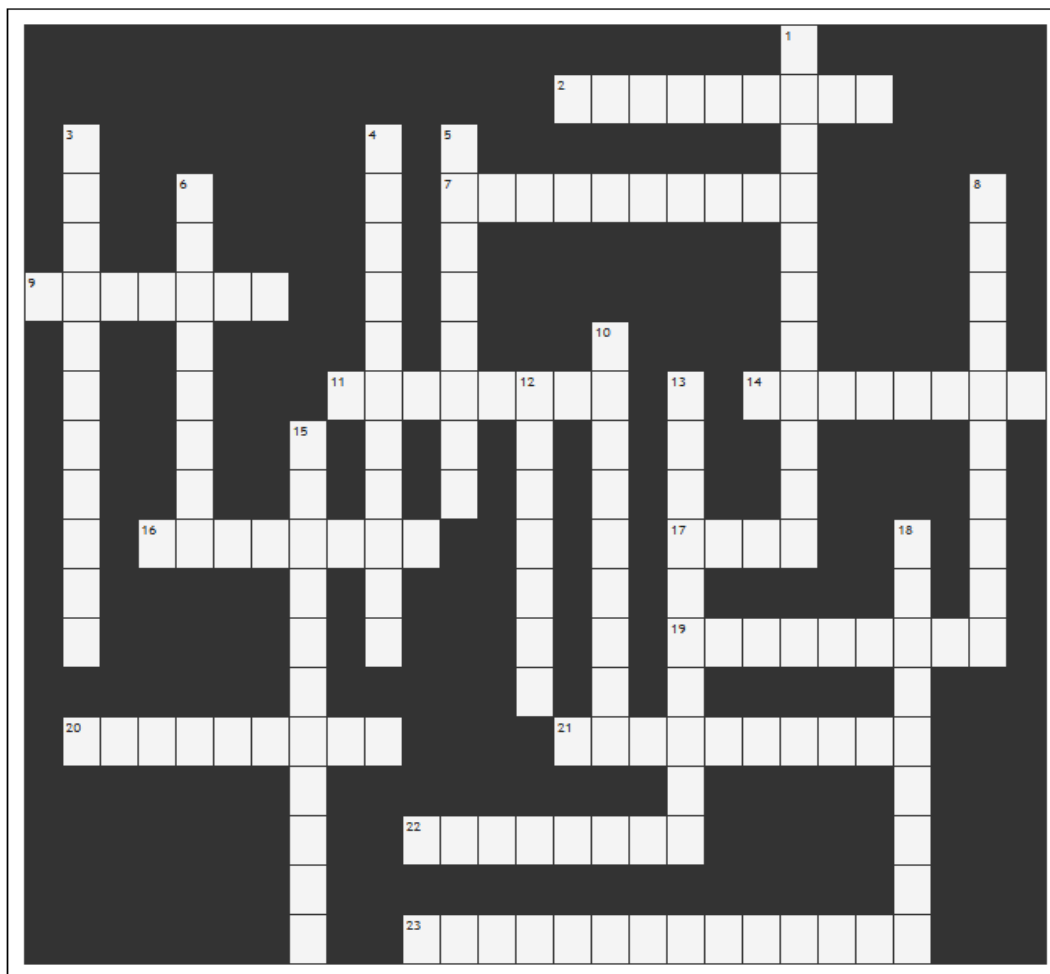
"There are a lot of firms that are doing business, either knowingly or unknowingly, with firms that are connected to 1268H firms, we need to illuminate those challenges, those connections. We need to connect with the programs and the firms that are likely affected by this, and we need to make a direct effort to go ahead and remove them," Michael Cadenazzi, assistant secretary of defense for industrial base policy, said last year.

To read the full article: [DoD issues guidance as ban on Chinese companies takes effect](#)



Personnel Security Reporting Requirements Crossword

If you complete the Security Word Search below and are the first individual to bring it in-
person to the Office of Research Security, you will win a prize!!!



Across:

2. Unexplained _____ is a reporting requirement.
7. Civilians and contractors with access to classified information shall alert agency heads of _____ activities by those with access to classified information.
9. Individuals granted eligibility to access classified information are considered _____ individuals.
11. _____ to a foreign national is reportable.
14. Using a foreign _____ for travel is a reportable incident.
16. _____ of non-U.S. citizen children is a reportable activity for individuals with Top Secret eligibility.
17. Unplanned border crossing to Canada or Mexico are reported upon return or within _____ business days.
19. Civilians/Contractors with access to classified info must submit an _____ for un-official foreign travel.
20. Sharing a _____ with a foreign national is a reporting requirement.
21. _____ debt is reportable.
22. A foreign _____ is any person who is not a U.S. citizen or a U.S. national.
23. Failure to comply with reporting requirements may result in an _____ action.

Down:

1. Any significant monetary gains, of \$10,000 or greater, such as a family _____, must be reported by those with TS eligibility.
3. Continuing _____ with foreign nationals is reportable.
4. Civilians and contractors with access to classified information, who show an unwillingness to comply with rules and _____ should be reported.
5. Ownership of foreign _____ must be reported if you have TS.
6. Being _____ for a DUI is a reporting requirement.
8. A _____ filing, which is a financial action of concern, must be reported by all civilians and contractors with access to classified information.
10. A position that can have an adverse effect on national security is considered _____.
12. Individuals with access to classified information need to be reported if _____ or drug abuse is suspected.
13. Unplanned day trips to Canada or Mexico is an example of _____ foreign travel.
15. Applying for foreign _____ is a reportable activity.
18. This policy, _____ (two words) establishes reporting requirements for individuals who have access to classified information or hold a sensitive position.

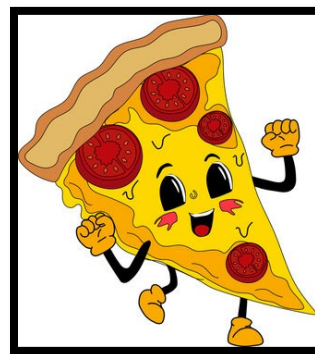
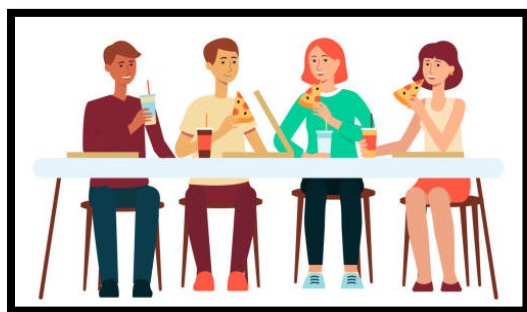
2026 Annual Security Refresher Training

For admission to training events, you must RSVP (using your UAH email account) at the link below which corresponds to your chosen date of attendance.

- **Location:** Bob Jones Auditorium on Redstone Arsenal - 5303 Martin Rd SW, Huntsville, AL 35808, Time: 1:00-1:30 Sign-In and Pizza, 1:30-2:30 Training *****CAC HOLDERS ONLY**
 - [Thursday, July 16th](#)
- **Location:** UAH OKT S105, Time: 11:00-11:30 Sign-In and Pizza, 11:30-12:30 Training
 - [Thursday, July 23rd](#)
 - [Thursday, August 6th](#)
 - [Thursday, August 13th](#)

Keep in Mind – One of the requirements to maintain your PCL is to complete Annual Refresher Training. Per the 32 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 117.12(k), contractors will provide all cleared employees with security education and training every 12 months. Refresher training will reinforce the information provided during the initial security briefing, keep cleared employees informed of changes in security regulations, and address issues or concerns identified during contractor self-reviews.

All cleared employees will need to attend an in-person session if they are local to the Huntsville area and within a 2-hour drive.



Please remember to report any suspicious contacts or activity to ORS.

Stay aware and stay safe!



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