DFARS Subpart 252.204 (Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting)

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Summary

Defense-acquisition-specific information-security regulation. Core clauses: (1) DFARS 252.204-7012 (adopted 2015, current consolidated 2020) — requires contractors handling Covered Defense Information (CDI) on covered contractor information systems to implement NIST SP 800-171 r2 security controls + report cyber incidents to DoD within 72 hours; (2) DFARS 252.204-7019 / -7020 / -7021 (CMMC interim rule Nov 2020) — implements the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification framework requiring increasingly stringent third-party attestation of NIST 800-171 implementation by contract tier. AI relevance: (a) AI-system source code, model weights, training data, and architecture documentation produced or stored on contractor systems fall within CDI when the underlying contract is so designated; (b) cyber-incident reporting in 252.204-7012(c) applies equally to AI-system compromise events (training-data exfiltration, model-weight theft, prompt-injection-based credential exposure); (c) supply-chain risk-management linkages with FAR Part 4 Subpart 4.21 + the DoD RAI S&IP supply-chain tenet. Distinct from AI-specific DFARS clauses under consideration as part of DoD Acquisition Innovation initiatives — none of which have been finalised at the catalog-write date.

DRIFT-WATCH CORRECTION (2026-07-17, /wiki/drift.json): status "in_force" AFFIRMED and deliberately UNCHANGED — 252.204-7012 still binds and cyber-incident reporting still applies, so the substance is right. Recording LOCATION drift only: DoD Class Deviation 2026-O0043 (DFARS Part 204), effective 2026-02-17, directs contracting officers to use an attached Part 204 in lieu of the codified 48 CFR ch. 2 text, so the cited acquisition.gov subpart is no longer the operative location. Source: https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/class-dev/DFARS_RFO/Part-204/2026-O0043_TAB_A_Deviation_Memo_Part_204.pdf

At a glance

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Status

in force

Primary source

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, Subpart 204.73 + clauses 252.204-7012 (Safeguarding Covered Defense Information), 252.204-7019/-7020/-7021 (CMMC) (48 C.F.R. ch. 2). Current consolidated subpart per the DoD Procurement Toolbox + acquisition.gov.

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