



Frequently Asked Questions

What is NDAA Section 889 Requirements?

The US Government has identified risks to privacy, security, and espionage from telecommunications equipment and services provided by select companies. This includes procurement or use of any type of hardware, service or software that falls under these requirements.

What is banned under NDAA Section 889 Requirements?

Any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. This also includes services.

What are “covered telecommunications equipment or services”

This is almost any telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services that is owned, operated, or controlled by Huawei, ZTE, Hytera, Hangzhou Hikvision, Dahua, and any affiliates or subsidiaries.

How is “substantial or essential component” defined?

The NDAA defines this as “any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service” In short, if the component is required for the device to perform its function, then it is an essential component.

As complex as these requirements are, how do we know what is safe to purchase?

Prior to purchase or commitment, please contact both askinfosec@wichita.edu and your designated departmental IT. This must be done for any telecommunications or video surveillance equipment, system, or services.

We currently have a non-compliant device or service; can we continue to use it?

Please contact askinfosec@wichita.edu as soon as possible.

My lab, department, organization, or grants are not funded by the US Government, do these restrictions still apply?

Yes. These requirements are in place regardless of federal grant or contract source.

I have a personal device that is made by ZTE or Huawei, can I use it?

The law does not prevent these devices for personal use; however they are not allowed for University business.

We have equipment that is on the prohibited list, what are our obligations?

Contact in writing askinfosec@wichita.edu or askinfosec@niar.wichita.edu with the equipment function and owner.

I need an exception to use it for...

The US government will not grant WSU waivers or exemptions. If it falls under the restrictions of this body of regulations, we are obligated to stop using the hardware or service.



My equipment does not connect to the internet, is it exempt?

No. The requirements do not consider network connectivity, or lack thereof, as a criteria for use.