



# Foreign Ownership Control and Influence (FOCI)

## FOCI definition

“An entity is considered to be operating under FOCI when a foreign interest has the power, direct or indirect whether or not exercised, and whether or not exercisable, through the ownership of the company under the purview of its National Security Authority/Designated Security Authority, by contractual arrangements or other means, to direct or decide matters affecting the management or operations of that entity in a manner which may result in unauthorised access to classified information or adversely affect the performance of classified contracts or may otherwise be contrary to the interests of national security.”



## Why is Defence interested in FOCI?

FOCI assessments support contract managers to make informed decisions when assessing security risks associated with the procurement of goods and services from industry.

## Information you will be asked to provide

Entities are required to submit a FOCI declaration as part of the DISP application process, and when there are potential or actual changes in their FOCI status. Information includes, but is not limited to:

- Foreign Directors
- Foreign Board members
- Foreign Shareholders
- Foreign revenue streams
- Agreements with foreign person(s)
- Foreign investments

All information obtained will be held in accordance with legislative requirements under the *Privacy Act 1988* and the *Freedom of Information Act. 1982*.

## Accessing FOCI Advice

Contract Managers, through their DISP Point of Contact (POC), will be able to access DISP members' FOCI rating through DISMS to better understand and manage FOCI risks associated with the procurement of goods or services. To identify your DISP POC, contact your Group/Services Executive Security Advisor (ESA), or email [DISP.info@defence.gov.au](mailto:DISP.info@defence.gov.au).

