



Office of the Deputy Chancellor & Chief Financial Officer

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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TO: Chief Executive Officers
Academic Institutions

SUBJECT: Reference Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) email sent to State entities in October 2022

On October 5, 2022, the Department of Defense released its list of “Chinese military companies” operating directly or indirectly in the United States. This list was in accordance with the statutory requirement of Section 1260H of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021. Among the companies listed was Shenzhen DJI Innovation Technology Co., Ltd (“DJI”).

Please refer to the full statement by the DoD for information:

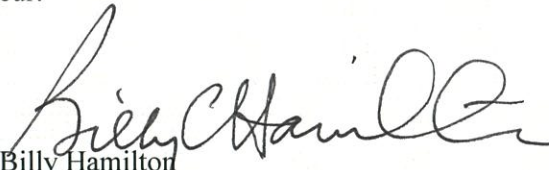
<https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3180636/dod-releases-list-of-peoples-republic-of-china-pre-military-companies-in-accord/>

Since DJI products could be purchased under Texas Division of Information Resources (“DIR”) Cooperative Contracts, DIR announced in late October that they will immediately suspend the sales of any DJI products until further notice. Any customer orders for DJI products that have not been fulfilled must also be cancelled.

Texas has not banned the use of DJI products, only the purchase of DJI products. Until additional information or directives are issued, the use of DJI drones and products is still permitted. Products include all products manufactured/sold/provided/managed or affiliated with DJI.

DJI products are currently widely utilized by TAMUS members. A spreadsheet will be provided by the System Chief Information Officer setting forth an estimate of how many DJI products your institution/agency currently has, their initial cost, their use, and how research is impacted. This spreadsheet will be distributed to the member CIOs, CFOs, and Chief Research Officers.

This information is being provided as a proactive, situational awareness of a possible future grounding and prohibition of all DJI products by Federal or State authorities and the impact that might have on those in use at your institution/agency. It also serves as an inventory of current assets that might be subject to future compliance reviews as changes occur.


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