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Update: Purchases of DJI drones are now suspended

In February 2021 notification was provided regarding the purchase of DJI drones. DJI was placed on the BIS (Bureau of Industry and Security) entity list and AgriLife personnel were not allowed to make drone purchases from DJI or their affiliates.

Texas Division of Information Resources (DIR) has announced they will immediately suspend the sales of any DJI products until further notice. While Texas has not banned the use of DJI products, the purchase of DJI products has been. Products have been defined as all products manufactured, sold, provided, managed, or affiliated with DJI.

At this time, the use of currently owned DJI products will still be permitted. We provided guidance in March 2021 regarding mitigating measures being taken to ensure that no information is being exported to China via the DJI drones, some information may be considered export controlled. The following was provided by the Research Security Office, RSO, as the mitigating measures:

1. The data sharing option on the drones must remain turned off. Please be sure to check this setting after every update to ensure that this hasn't been reset.
2. Remove all data from the drones prior to any software/firmware updates.
3. Do no upload any research to the cloud, which can then be intercepted.

If you have not already completed the form, please complete the attached DJI certification form and return to the AgriLife Ethics and Compliance office.

For any questions regarding UAS please contact Kevin Helmer, kevin.helmer@ag.tamu.edu or Jenny Green, jenny.green@ag.tamu.edu. You may also contact the AgriLife Ethics and Compliance office at 979-314-3442.

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