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Executive Order: Securing America's Defense Supply Chains and Ensuring Domestic Acquisition of Critical Materials

Signed July 20, 2026, President Donald J. Trump

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America's vulnerability are buried in the lower tiers: The subcontractors and vendors supplying specialty metals, electronics, chemicals, software, and raw materials that Washington is not watching

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What Happened

On July 20, 2026, the President signed an Executive Order directing the Department of War to tighten waiver practice under 10 U.S.C. § 4872 and to build new supply-chain mapping, vetting, and qualification rules. In practice, it breaks into four tracks:

1 Mapping

Expands obligation to map to all incorporated and mission-critical inputs within the scoped acquisition — going beyond existing statutory restriction on sourcing covered materials from China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea (10 U.S.C. § 4872).

2 Supplier vetting

All suppliers and subcontractors supporting said critical supply chains, including software and service providers, must be vetted and monitored for exposure to Foreign Ownership, Control, and Influence (FOCI), Financial Risk, Manufacturing and Supply Risk.

3 § 4872 prohibition & waiver regime

Existing waivers to expire January 2027, waiver qualification to require more robust alternative source analysis — covered-material list to include gallium and germanium products in 2027.

4 Forced qualification

Mitigation plans required for any acquisition selected by DoW tied to an unreliable foreign supplier — including alternative source qualification and phase-out schedule.

Unpack: Mapping

THE ORDER'S DEFINITION (SEC. 7(A))

"All tiers of suppliers and subcontractors providing goods, materials, systems, software, or services essential to contract deliverables, mission assurance, security, or resilience."

The trigger: DoW designates the acquisition as national-security related — presence of a covered material is not required.

MATERIALS	→ The § 4872 list
SYSTEMS & COMPONENTS	→ Anything essential to the deliverable — not just materials
SOFTWARE	→ Dependencies as evidenced in SBOMs, Binaries, or Firmware
SERVICES	→ As essential to the deliverable
ANY TIER	→ Full source provenance from system to component to raw material to mine

A company with zero covered-material exposure can still be in scope — **through software or services alone.**

Potentially any material or component — not just the six covered materials — supplied by an “unreliable foreign supplier” (a FOCl/covered-nation ownership test).

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The term “critical supply chain” means all tiers of suppliers and subcontractors providing goods, materials, systems, software, or services that are essential to contract deliverables, mission assurance, security, or resilience, **as defined by the Secretary.**

Key Dates

NOW → 90 DAYS

DoW begins strategy to accelerate domestic source qualification

NOW → 180 DAYS

Mapping/vetting policy guidance issued; national-security acquisitions identified

180 + 90 DAYS

Final implementing DFARS regulations on BOM tracing & vetting published

JAN 1, 2027

§ 4872(c)(1) waivers cease absent an accepted mitigation plan

EVERY 6 MO. THRU
JAN 2028

DoW reports waiver usage & compliance progress to the NSC

Jan 1, 2027

Routine waivers under § 4872(c)(1) stop, absent an accepted mitigation plan

A mitigation plan must document exhaustive efforts to find compliant material — or show none was available

“We couldn't qualify a domestic source” only counts if the effort was active and adequately funded

False or unfulfilled plans carry contractual remedies, and possible referral to the Attorney General

GET AHEAD OF IT

The Exiger Advantage

The only solution that unifies hardware and software supply-chain mapping, risk and dependency analysis, and full entity screening. Grounded in TDPs, BOMs, SBOMs, binaries, specifications, and drawings, it delivers precise, auditable Courses of Action as early as the design phase — before risk becomes embedded in production.

TRACE

Indented BOM mapping to raw-material origin, across critical suppliers

SCREEN

Supplier risk vetting across financial, FOCI, and manufacturing & supply categories

MITIGATE

Mitigation-plan and waiver-support records built to withstand DoW/DOJ scrutiny

MONITOR

Continuous tracking against § 4872, Section 1260H, and forthcoming DFARS rules

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Figure 1: Magic Quadrant for Supplier Risk Management Solutions



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