

1252.239-78 Validated Cryptography for Secure Communications.

As prescribed in 1239.7204(c), insert a clause substantially as follows:

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- (a) The Contractor shall use only cryptographic mechanisms that comply with ____ [Contracting Officer insert FIPS 140-2 level #]. All deliverables shall be labeled ____ [Contracting Officer insert appropriate label such as "For Official Use Only" (FOUO) or other DOT-agency selected designation per document sensitivity].
- (b) External transmission/dissemination of ____ [Contracting Officer fill-in: e.g., labeled deliverables] to or from a Government computer must be encrypted. Certified encryption modules must be used in accordance with ____ [Contracting Officer shall insert the standard, such as FIPS PUB 140-2, "Security requirements for Cryptographic Modules."]

(End of clause)

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