

VPS Consulting Memo

FCC's Supply Chain Data Collection

Summary

Overview

All Universal Service Fund (USF) recipients that were eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) as of December 31, 2019 must respond to the mandatory Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Supply Chain Data Collection (Data Collection) ***due no later than April 22, 2020***. Other USF and service providers that are not ETCs are also encouraged to participate in the Data Collection.

Background

The FCC is requiring a Data Collection of all ETCs for inventory of Potentially Prohibited Equipment and Services. The Data Collection is a one-time filing to report the extent to which their networks contain or use Huawei Technologies Company (Huawei) and/or ZTE Corporation (ZTE) equipment and/or supported software services per the FCC's *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Report and Order*, adopted in November 2019.

Additional Information

The link to the portal to submit this information to the FCC is now available at: www.fcc.gov/supplychain.

Reminder, this information collection is **mandatory for all ETCs** and their subsidiaries and affiliates. ETCs that do not use equipment or services from Huawei or ZTE are required to report that they do not use such equipment or services. If your network does have the applicable equipment and/or supported software services, then cost estimates must be provided for purchasing/installing and removing/replacing.

Filings/Certifications are due by April 22, 2020.

For additional information, visit the FCC's Supply Chain Data Collection webpage at www.fcc.gov/supplychain or if you would like further guidance or assistance, please contact one these members of the consulting team:

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