

# 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)

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 1252.2—Text of Provisions and Clauses](#)