**Cyber-Supply Chain Risk Management Best Practices**

**Interview Questions**

* What is the organization’s structure for managing supply chain risk? What roles are involved in risk management decisions?
* What are the key business drivers for allocating resources for cyber supply chain risk management?
* Where does the organization see benefits from effective cyber supply chain risk management?
* How does the organization identify supply chain threats, vulnerabilities and overall risks?
	+ How are these risks prioritized or measured?
	+ What does the organization consider to be major supply chain risks? (examples: quality or products (received or produced), supply chain resiliency, third-party cybersecurity, counterfeits)
* What requirements does the organization put in contracts and service agreements, e.g., security, quality, integrity, etc.? Can provide examples?
	+ How does the organization monitor compliance with contractual requirements? How often?
* Has the organization ever felt a need to help a supplier improve their cybersecurity/supply chain practices?
* How does the organization vet or manage third-party suppliers/vendors?
	+ Is the organization’s cybersecurity considered? Evaluated?
	+ If a questionnaire is used, is it a standardized questionnaire, or internally developed? Why?
	+ If an audit is required, how are auditors chosen? - do they have cybersecurity expertise?
	+ Are suppliers vetted differently depending on what they provide, their size, or some other reason?
	+ What kinds of information are collected about suppliers?
* What methods does the organization use to protect their supply chain? (Especially from cybersecurity-related threats)
	+ How does the organization assure quality and integrity of products/software they receive?
	+ How does the organization track the provenance of a product?
	+ How does the organization prevent tampering of products in the supply chain?
	+ What methods for protecting supply chains have been most effective?
	+ What key metrics does the organization track for cyber supply chain risk management? Is there an executive dashboard to capture and share those metrics?
	+ With whom are those metrics shared?
* What standards or guidelines has the organization implemented to assure the quality, integrity, physical and cybersecurity of products?
* Is supply chain risk included in cybersecurity policy? Is cybersecurity included in supply chain management policy?
* Does the organization have a plan to manage cybersecurity-related supply chain incidents?
* What makes implementing cyber-supply chain risk management difficult?
* What tools/techniques has the organization found most valuable in managing their supply chain risk?
* What resources would the organization suggest useful to organizations less mature in managing their supply chain risks?

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