# Cybersecurity Interface Agreement

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# Abstract

This document details the process to be used to establish the cybersecurity interface agreement between a supplier and the customer organizations.

# Group / Owner

Security / Systems Security Analyst

# Motivation

This document is motivated by the need to have formal agreements in place for the development of security-related elements by a supplier to be used in products subject to compliance with standards such as **ISO/SAE 21434** and **ISO 26262**.

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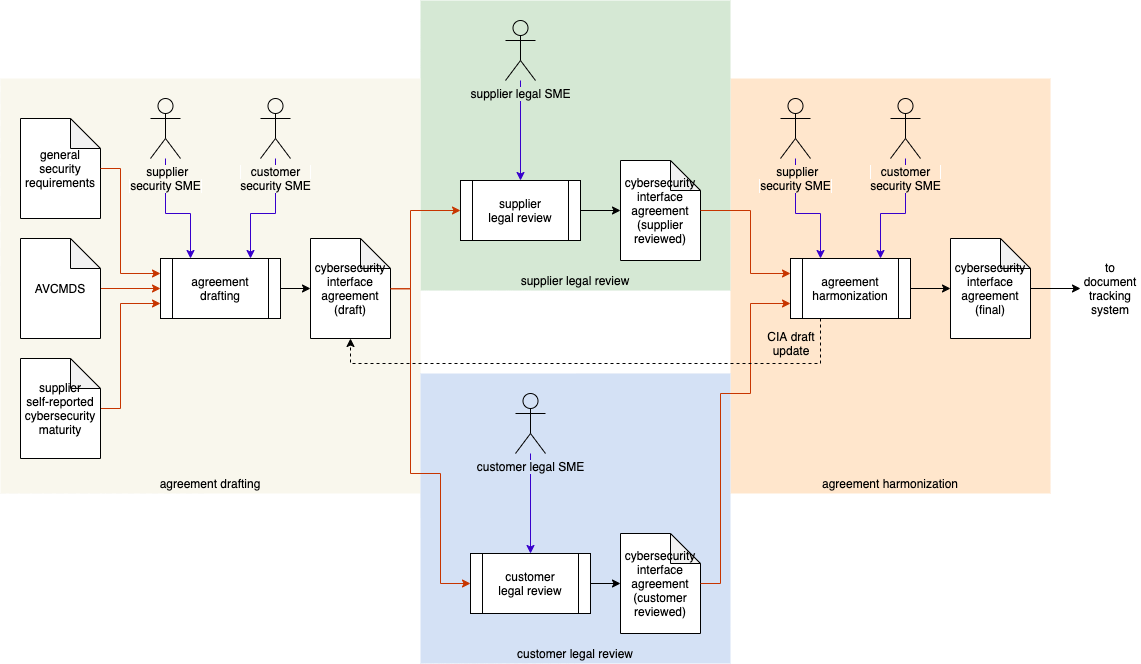
# Overview

The **Cybersecurity Interface Agreement** is intended to establish the following:

* identity of responsible individuals
* understanding of supplier capabilities
* responsibility of both consumer and supplier for the various AVCDL work products
* agreement upon the confidentiality level for the various AVCDL work products
* relevant comments of both consumer and supplier

**Note:** As the **AVCDL** **Cybersecurity Interface Agreement** is a legal agreement, it is a tracked document.

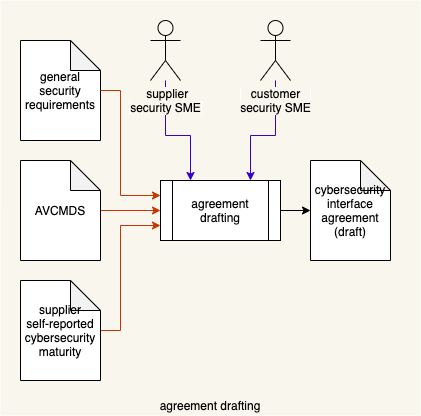
The following diagram illustrates the process to be used:



# Process

## Agreement Drafting

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| **Inputs** | General security requirements  AVCMDS  Supplier self-reported cybersecurity maturity |
| **Outputs** | Cybersecurity Interface Agreement (draft) |
| **Participants** | Supplier Security SME  Customer Security SME |



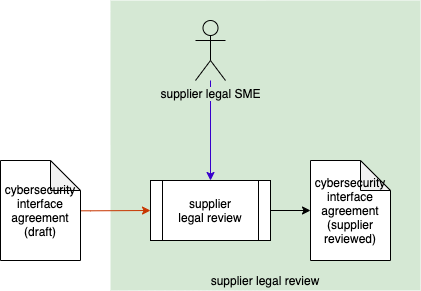
The **general security requirements** (*see note below*)for the element being supplied by the vendor, **AVCMDS (Autonomous Vehicle Cybersecurity Manufacturer Disclosure Statement)** worksheet **[12]**, and **supplier self-reported cybersecurity maturity** report **[13]** are used by the supplier and customer security SMEs to create a **cybersecurity interface agreement draft**. This should be done using the **AVCDL** **[9]** as a basis for activities to be undertaken. A template **[11]** is provided for this purpose.

**Note:** The **general security requirements** referred to represent a subset created from the **global security catalog** **[14]** based on the general characteristics of the element under consideration. Tailoring **[15]** of these requirements will be done after the **cybersecurity interface agreement** is in place and work has begun.

**Note:** An additional document, **Understanding Cybersecurity Interface Agreements [10]**, is provided detailing the use of the interface agreement template.

## Supplier Legal Review

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| **Inputs** | Cybersecurity Interface Agreement (draft) |
| **Outputs** | Cybersecurity Interface Agreement (supplier reviewed) |
| **Participants** | Supplier Legal SME |

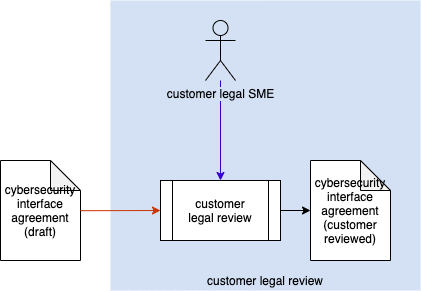


The **cybersecurity interface agreement (draft)** is reviewed by the supplier legal SME. A **cybersecurity interface agreement (supplier reviewed)** is created via annotation.

**Note:** This activity and the **Customer Legal Review** may be performed in parallel.

## Customer Legal Review

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| **Inputs** | Cybersecurity Interface Agreement (draft) |
| **Outputs** | Cybersecurity Interface Agreement (customer reviewed) |
| **Participants** | Customer Legal SME |

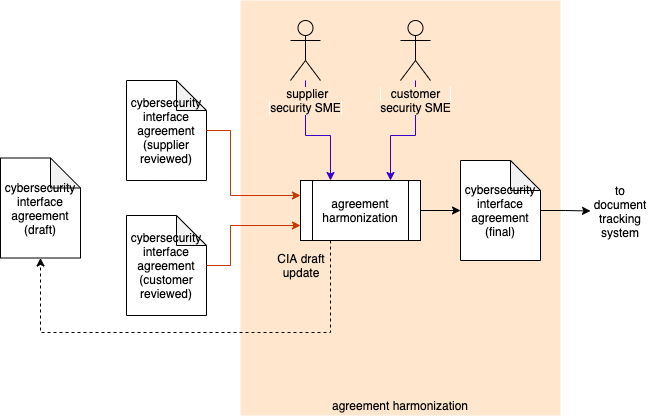


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**Note:** This activity and the **Supplier Legal Review** may be performed in parallel.

## Agreement Harmonization

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| **Inputs** | Cybersecurity Interface Agreement (supplier reviewed)  Cybersecurity Interface Agreement (customer reviewed) |
| **Outputs** | Cybersecurity Interface Agreement (final) |
| **Participants** | Supplier Security SME  Customer Security SME |



The **cybersecurity interface agreement (supplier reviewed)** and **cybersecurity interface agreement (customer reviewed)** are used by the supplier and customer security SMEs to harmonize any differences. If there are unresolved issues or questions, the harmonized information is fed back into the **cybersecurity interface agreement (draft)** triggering another round of reviews. If there are no unresolved issues or questions, the harmonized information is integrated to **create the cybersecurity interface agreement (final)**. This document is the transferred to the document tracking system for management sign-off and archiving.

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