The purpose of this report is to apprise customers and stakeholders of the information security initiatives that the Mitsubishi Electric Group engages in on a daily basis in order to enhance the quality of life in our society.

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Executive Message

We tackle information security as an important management issue.

Recognizing that cyber security is an important management issue, the Mitsubishi Electric Group has established the Corporate Information Security Division in April 2020, supervising the information security measures of the Mitsubishi Electric Group.

In recent years, business operations and environments have changed with an increase in teleworking and cloud services. To adapt to the change, we should work to drive digital transformation (DX) with security as a business challenge. Furthermore, business environments should be made more resilient against increasing geopolitical information security risks associated with conflicts. The Corporate Information Security Division is developing necessary security measures to cope with these changes and sharing and deploying them throughout the Mitsubishi Electric Group.

Also, the Mitsubishi Electric Group has made a Declaration of Confidential Corporate Information Security Management and formulated the Personal Information Protection Policy to foster a corporate culture that ensures the appropriate handling of confidential corporate information and personal information. To put the above declaration and policy into practice, the Mitsubishi Electric Group is not only developing regulations and frameworks, providing education regularly to all employees, and implementing IT-based comprehensive measures, but also constantly making improvements through the PDCA cycle, including inspections.

Furthermore, we have implemented vulnerability handling processes and secure development processes for products and services through which we will contribute to the realization of a safe and secure society.

In addition to preparing for increasingly sophisticated and diversified cyberattacks, we will establish quicker response processes in overseas regions against global laws, regulations, and economic security. The Mitsubishi Electric Group will continue to carry out information security actions that will meet your expectations.

This report provides information on the Mitsubishi Electric Group’s information security efforts. We hope that it will be useful to you.

Eiichiro Mitani
Executive Officer,
CIO (in Charge of Information Security and IT),
Mitsubishi Electric Corporation
With respect to the information assets that constitute its core business activities, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation shall disclose information that should be released externally in a timely and appropriate manner, while ensuring strict and appropriate management of confidential corporate information.

In the unlikely event that valuable information or confidential corporate information entrusted to us by customers and stakeholders of Mitsubishi Electric as well as confidential corporate information, including sales, engineering, and intellectual property information, based on the concept of the Declaration of Confidential Corporate Information Security Management established in February 2005. We will once again inform this declaration widely across the Mitsubishi Electric Group to ensure thorough information protection and management considering the past incidents.

Recognizing that appropriate management of confidential corporate information is a key corporate social responsibility, the Company hereby declares that all employees shall comply with the following confidential corporate information management policies.

1) Appropriate Management of Confidential Corporate Information through Compliance with Laws, Ordinances and Regulations
The Company shall manage all confidential corporate information concerning business activities appropriately in accordance with laws, ordinances and Company regulations.

“Confidential corporate information” means valuable technical or business information held by the Company, and information (such as personal information, information obtained from outside the Company and insider information), which if disclosed or used in an unauthorized way, could be disadvantageous to the Company and/or its stakeholders. Physical objects that constitute confidential corporate information are also subject to control.

2) Enforcement of Security Management Measures
The Company shall implement appropriate security management measures for the protection and proper control of confidential corporate information.

“Security management measures” means organizational, human, technological and physical measures that are strictly enforced according to the confidentiality level of the applicable corporate information.

3) Enhancement of Information System Security Measures
The Company shall enhance its information system security measures to prevent unauthorized access, intrusion and wrongful use of confidential corporate information, and implement comprehensive countermeasures with IT.

4) Education
Recognizing that the awareness of individual employees who are involved in handling confidential corporate information is fundamental to management, the Company shall provide regular education for all employees concerning the importance of confidential corporate information management and the Company’s efforts to enhance it.

5) Continual Improvement of Management through the PDCA Cycle
The Company shall establish a confidential corporate information management system and improve it proactively and continually through the PDCA (Plan-Do-Check-Act) cycle.

6) Timely and Appropriate Information Disclosure
In addition to rigorously managing confidential corporate information in an appropriate manner in line with items 1 through 5 above, the Company shall disclose information that should be externally released in a timely and appropriate manner.

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Kei Uruma, President & CEO
Mitsubishi Electric Corporation
In April 2020, we established the Corporate Information Security Division directly under the president and integrated three functions—“confidential corporate information management and personal information protection,” “information system security,” and “product security”—to supervise overall information security management activities. Since April 2021, we have enhanced the functions of the division and added members. We will invest over 50 billion yen to strengthen the cyber security measures and improve our information security management system to achieve Level 2 or higher for the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) Version 2.

The Executive Officer in charge of information security supervises information security management. Under his instructions, the Corporate Information Security Division plans and implements the Mitsubishi Electric Group’s information security management system and cybersecurity countermeasures. Meanwhile, Corporate CSIRT in the division cooperates with CSIRTs*2 in business groups and business sites to ensure information security.

In addition, in response to the cyberattack that happened at a factory of a manufacturer causing production to shut down, Mitsubishi Electric has formed a group in the division in charge of factory security.

The PSIRT,*3 in the division, which in charge of enhancing product security was certified as a CNA*4 in November 2020. It has begun allocating CVE IDs*5 to vulnerabilities that affect Mitsubishi Electric products and announces these vulnerabilities to the public. By doing so, the PSIRT strengthens vulnerability handling processes cooperating with outside stakeholders. The PSIRT reports identified vulnerabilities according to the processes and issues instructions to respond properly and prevent secondary damage.

Business groups and business sites (offices, branches, and works) provide instructions and guidance on information security to domestic and overseas affiliates. As for cybersecurity issues at overseas affiliates, the Corporate Information Security Division will cooperate with overseas regional representative managers in America, Europe, and other Asian countries considering each region’s circumstances.

*2 CSIRT stands for Computer Security Incident Response Team.
*3 PSIRT stands for Product Security Incident Response Team. It works on improving the security quality of products and services.
*4 CNA stands for CVE Numbering Authority, and CVE stands for Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures.
*5 Globally used vulnerability identifiers.
The Mitsubishi Electric Group oversees confidential corporate information management and protects personal information as its continuous improvement activity using the Plan, Do, Check, Act (PDCA) cycle and implements four security measures, which are organizational, human, technological, and physical security measures, to safeguard confidential corporate information and personal information while taking into consideration external factors such as handling of personal data overseas.

**PDCA cycle**

We strive to continually raise the level of our information security in an upward spiral. First, plans are formulated at the beginning of the fiscal year based on an annual policy (Plan). Then, various information security measures are rolled out and employees are trained (Do). Afterward, the status of information security management is checked (Check). Finally, the measures are revised accordingly based on the results (Act).

**Four security measures**

Organizational security measures consist of systems such as a management framework, internal rules, and internal audits to safeguard confidential corporate information and personal information. They are revised as needed to ensure no loss of effectiveness due to changes in the operating environment.

Human security measures consist of education for employees and personnel management to ensure employees carry out information security measures.

Technological security measures consist of information system security efforts such as cyberattack countermeasures.

Physical security measures consist of site and room access control as well as physical protection for equipment to prevent unauthorized third parties from entering a business site and potentially accessing confidential corporate information and personal information.

**Global activities**

To maintain and improve the information security level of the Mitsubishi Electric Group including overseas affiliates, various inspections are conducted according to information management system prescribed in the Guidelines to Information Security Management Rules for Affiliated Companies.
Information Security Regulations and Guidelines

In accordance with Declaration of Confidential Corporate Information Security Management and Personal Information Protection Policy, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation has established information security regulations and guidelines from the perspective of the four security measures, and reviews them as necessary to comply with current laws. In addition, we set similar rules for personal information protection and have applied to affiliates.

Responding to changes in the operating environment

In addition to the basic regulations given above, we have established regulations concerning the release of information on public-facing websites, regulations concerning the use of smartphones, management standards to strengthen information security in the supply chain, and other regulations to address today's changing business operation environment.

Information Security Inspections

The Mitsubishi Electric Group performs the following inspections as part of the C (Check) stage of the PDCA cycle at head office management departments, business groups and offices, and affiliates. These inspections focus on checking whether confidential corporate information management and personal information protection activities are being implemented properly by the Mitsubishi Electric Group as a whole, and on confirming the status of those activities. The Group reviews measures based the results, and this leads to the A (Act) stage of the PDCA cycle.

These inspections are set down in the Confidential Corporate Information Management Regulations, which cover Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, and in the Guidelines for Information Security Management Regulations, which cover domestic and overseas affiliates.

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Information Security Education

Mitsubishi Electric is working on fostering a corporate culture that ensures the appropriate handling of confidential corporate information and personal information. We provide the educational programs described below to train employees on how to fully implement concrete security measures, including storing files on servers or encrypting them in accordance with their confidentiality level.

Education for all employees

An e-learning program on information security is provided once a year to all employees and other staff members (about 50,000 in total) to ensure their full understanding of the Mitsubishi Electric policies, status of data breach incidents, laws and regulations related to the protection of personal information, Unfair Competition Prevention Act, and security measures (organizational, human, technological, and physical measures) that each employee must be aware of. In addition, due to the rapid increase in teleworking and the shift in business type and environment due to the use of cloud services, educational materials for employees are released as needed.

Education corresponding to each career stage

We teach confidential corporate information management and personal information protection through training programs for new employees, newly appointed section managers, the personal information asset manager, the Corporate Secretariat involved in operation and the like, so that our employees can fulfill the roles expected at each career stage in the duties for which they are responsible.

Exercises to practice handling spoofed e-mails

As a measure against cyberattacks, Mitsubishi Electric regularly conduct exercises that allow all employees, including officers, to verify that they know how to handle spoofed e-mails. Employees of affiliates in Japan can participate in this exercise. At overseas affiliates in America, Europe, and other Asian countries practice exercises are conducted according to local circumstances under the direction of regional representative managers.

Other individual training

Employees posted overseas are provided with a preliminary education program which covers risks in confidential corporate information management and personal information protection outside Japan and examples of data breach incidents that have occurred overseas.

Activities for Personal Information Protection

Personal information protection

Mitsubishi Electric formulated company rules on personal information protection in October 2001, and since then, it has ensured that all employees and relevant individuals understand the rules and it is working on protecting personal information.

In 2004, the company formulated the Personal Information Protection Policy and improved it as a set of personal information protection activities that meet the requirements of JIS Q 15001: 2006 Personal Information Protection Management Systems. In January 2008, we were granted the right to use the “PrivacyMark”, which certifies the establishment of management systems that ensure proper measures for personal information protection. We have been renewing the “PrivacyMark” certification since then.

We are also reviewing company rules in order to properly comply with the revised Act on the Protection of Personal Information, which came into effect in April 2022.
Personal information collected from customers through questionnaires, registration of purchased products, after-sales service, and so on is managed in accordance with the "Personal Information Protection Policy". Furthermore, Mitsubishi Electric has been granted the right to use the "PrivacyMark" and is making ongoing efforts to ensure the proper handling of personal information.

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**Personal Information Protection Policy**

Mitsubishi Electric ("the Company") will continually improve its technologies and services by applying creativity to all aspects of its business, thus enhancing the quality of life in society. Through these activities, the Company collects various types of information from its customers and affiliated persons. Since personal information is an important asset of individuals, it is the company’s social responsibility to protect the personal information appropriately and use it correctly and safely in compliance with laws. The Company has established the personal information protection management system as a part of corporate management. With this system, the Company will ensure that the Company’s employees (including corporate officers, employees, short-term/long-term part-timers, and temporary staff) and affiliated persons fully understand personal information protection, implement the actions listed below, and improve and maintain personal information protection.

1. **Objective of Personal Information Protection**
   The objective of personal information protection is to appropriately and effectively use personal information and protect the rights and interests of individuals with due consideration given to the usefulness of personal information.

2. **Purpose of Use of Personal Information**
   The Company uses personal information within the extent of the purpose of use clearly described to the information owner and uses such information only when required for business reasons.

3. **Acquisition of Personal Information**
   The Company acquires personal information through legal and fair means. When acquiring information directly from the information owner, the Company will clearly explain the requirements, including the purpose of use, and obtain consent.

4. **Disclosure and Submission of Personal Information**
   The Company will obtain the consent of the information owner before disclosing or submitting his/her personal information to a third party for the purpose of outsourcing or collaboration.

5. **Handling of Personal Information**
   (1) Compliance with laws and regulations on the protection of personal information
   The Company fully complies with laws, regulations, national policies, and other rules concerning the protection of personal information.
   (2) Prevention of data breach, losses, and damage to personal information (e.g., security measures), and corrective measures
   The Company takes reasonable safety actions and necessary security measures to prevent unauthorized access, losses, corruption, falsification, or leakage of personal information. It also audits all departments to check the handling of personal information and implements corrective measures. Through this audit, all divisions review the latest data breach risks or issues and make improvements to avoid similar incidents in the future.
   (3) Creation and operation of the personal information protection management system
   The Company has created and is operating the personal information protection management system in line with the requirements of JIS Q 15001: 2006 Personal Information Protection Management Systems. It has also been reviewed by JIPDEC and as a result, obtained the right to use "PrivacyMark", which is given to businesses that handle personal information properly. It will continue to protect personal information while continually improving the personal information protection management system.

6. **Handling of Information Related to Individuals**
   When the Company handles information related to an individual such as location data, IP address, and cookies on the Company website or in other places, it may notify the information owner of the purpose of use and obtain his/her consent.

7. **Responses to Inquiries from Information Owners**
   When the information owner requests the disclosure, correction, removal, or suspension of use of his/her personal information, or when the Company receives inquiries, including complaints or consultation, from the information owner, it will respond without delay. The Company also strives to keep personal information accurate and up to date.

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Kei Uruma, President & CEO
Mitsubishi Electric Corporation
Contractor management
Confidential corporate information and personal information are entrusted to a contractor only after a proper non-disclosure agreement is concluded between Mitsubishi Electric and the contractor. The agreement stipulates all the security and personal information protection matters that we require. To ensure that confidential corporate information and personal information entrusted to a contractor will be handled with appropriate control, before entrusting the information to the contractor, we confirm that the contractor will maintain the proper level of protection. After submitting the information, we supervise the contractor by regularly examining a status report on the use and management of the information that we have submitted.

Proper handling of personal information
We handle personal information appropriately; we acquire it by specifying the purpose of use, use it only within the intended scope, and provide it to a third party only with the consent of information owners. At the same time, we will further strengthen security measures, including storing data on servers and using data encryption, to address the risk of data breach caused by cyberattacks.

PrivacyMark
Mitsubishi Electric and some affiliates in Japan have been granted the right to use the "PrivacyMark".

Response to Japan’s “My Number” system
Personal identity numbers are managed strictly and

Compliance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and China’s Personal Information Protection Law
The Mitsubishi Electric Group handles personal data from the EU in an appropriate manner with due consideration to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that was put into force in the EU in May 2018 as a framework to protect privacy. Outside the EU, the Personal Information Protection Law came into effect in China on November 1, 2021. Therefore, the restricted transfer of personal information across borders is becoming a global trend and we will act appropriately.

Other Measures
The information security initiatives of the Mitsubishi Electric Group include cyberattack countermeasures and physical security measures for the IT infrastructure.

**Cyberattack Countermeasures**

Cyberattacks against companies are becoming more sophisticated and diversified every year, posing major threats to them.

To fight against cyberattacks, which have become more sophisticated and diversified with the increase of the use of cloud services and teleworking, the Mitsubishi Electric Group carries out centralized management of the networks, computer terminals, and servers (cloud) and adopts defense in depth based on the concept of zero trust security. Defense in depth provides protection against cyberattacks and enables the detection of suspicious activities and intrusions. Furthermore, developing incident response processes helps to prevent and minimize damage.

To support work at the office as well as work requiring access from home or on a business trip, strong multifactor authentication has been introduced and authentications are centrally managed. Internet websites are constantly exposed to many external threats, and so we only launch websites that are approved in order to maintain a high security level.

Centralized security management

### Cyber Security Initiatives

**Technological and Physical Security Measures**

- **Centralized security infrastructure management platform**
  - (centralized management of networks, terminals, servers, and authentication)
- **Each site**
  - Computer terminal
  - Network device
  - Server
- **CSIRT**
  - Detection of the intrusion
  - Configuration and setting management
  - Identification of damage
  - Instructions to change the necessary settings
- **Centralized management**
  - Configuration and setting management
- **Attacker**
  - Intrusion by the attacker
  - Detection of the intrusion
**Defense in depth**

The Mitsubishi Electric Group has adopted defense in depth, consisting of three layers of technological security measures, which are network, computer terminal, and server (cloud) security measures.

In the network security measures, various security devices are installed at perimeter to control and monitor email and web communications, among others. This will block unauthorized access or malware from outside or prevent information from being leaked. The Mitsubishi Electric Group will improve this communication filtering function.

In the computer terminal security measures, anti-malware software detects and removes malware, and security patches for software vulnerabilities are applied. Doing so will lead to the prevention of computer terminal malware infections, suppression of attacks, and localization of damage. For this reason, computer terminals are centrally managed, and measures are sure to be applied to them. Anomaly behavior detection (EDR: Endpoint Detection and Response) tool*6 will be installed in all computer terminals to enhance computer terminal security. In addition, we have deployed multifactor authentication that combines two or more authentication factors to implement more powerful security measures.

Servers that are becoming cloud-based are periodically checked to find vulnerabilities, and communications and operations are monitored. This will make servers (cloud) robust, which have critical information.

To confidential corporate information and personal information stored in servers or in the cloud, access control and encryption is applied based on the principle of least privilege. For the management of these types of information, the Mitsubishi Electric Group also develops and fully implements rules, educates employees, and carries out inspections.

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**Computer Security Incident Response Team**

The Mitsubishi Electric Group has established the Mitsubishi Electric Corporation Computer Security Incident Response Team (MELCO-CSIRT) to monitor cyberattacks and respond immediately to any incidents.

In order to prevent cyberattacks, we have also developed a process to monitor our affiliates inside and outside Japan, which has been insufficient in the past. The above-mentioned communication monitoring identifies suspicious behavior, allowing you to quickly detect and block cyberattacks. On the terminal side, information on malware infections and the current soundness of computer terminals are gathered and identified. In the event of an incident, the MELCO-CSIRT will utilize these security measures to immediately assess the damage, make prompt and appropriate responses, restore operations, and minimize damage as much as possible. After that, it will analyze the incident in detail and support the implementation of permanent measures by the department where the incident occurred.

*6 EDR stands for Endpoint Detection and Response.
Security measures for teleworking

Teleworking is becoming more common as work styles diversify to include working from home or at a satellite office, in addition to mobile work during a business trip. Working from home has become normal lately as a measure to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus. It is believed that teleworking become a common work style.

Meanwhile, the use of a network and the cloud contributes to the diversification of business operation, and traditional security measures at the perimeter becomes insufficient due to an increase in normal access from outside. For this reason, we are implementing more powerful security measures, including the encryption of communications using a virtual private network (VPN) for security and the use of multifactor authentication.

For work from home, work at a satellite office, and mobile work (business trips), we will improve security measures to protect them from cyberattacks based on the concept of zero trust.

Management of Internet websites

As a lesson learned from past incidents that occurred due to unauthorized access, the Mitsubishi Electric Group now ensures that only websites that have been approved by Mitsubishi Electric are launched in order to maintain the security level of websites.

Websites may go live only after they have passed a security test and problems have been resolved. We also regularly inspect our public websites on the Internet to assess their management status. By doing so, we remove unnecessary websites and strengthen security measures for websites where they are insufficient.
Physical Security

To prevent suspicious individuals from entering a business site and coming into contact with confidential corporate information, the Mitsubishi Electric Group sections physical spaces of human activity, such as a site’ grounds, corridors, offices, meeting rooms, server areas, and data rooms, into areas and designates a security level (area level) for each area.

Area levels

The designation of area levels is as given in the following table. We define security rules according to area level.

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<td>Server rooms, drawing/project rooms, development rooms, critical equipment rooms</td>
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<td>Onsite; in principle, areas that can be accessed and used by all Mitsubishi Electric employees, as well as specific persons (such as employees of affiliates).</td>
<td>Offices, common meeting rooms (for internal use)</td>
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<td>Onsite; in principle, areas that can be accessed and used by all Mitsubishi Electric employees and persons who completed entry procedures (such as employees of affiliates, business partners, and general visitors).</td>
<td>Common outdoor/indoor areas, common meeting rooms (including those for external use), corridors</td>
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<td>Offsite</td>
<td>Outside common outdoor areas</td>
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Designation of area levels

Entry/exit access control

We use entry/exit access control to ensure that only authorized persons enter rooms and sites when going between areas with different area levels. In particular, Mitsubishi Electric sites use ID card-based authentication systems to ensure security as well as more efficient entry and exiting.

Promotion of Information Security Measures

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation is continuously working to improve its information security management system as well as strengthen cyberattack countermeasures.

In order to evaluate these improvement activities, we set specific goals for information security measures and conduct self-assessments for Mitsubishi Electric Corporation and its domestic affiliates based on the major assessment axes and inspect the effectiveness of the measures we have formulated.

We will continue to improve our information security measures through the PDCA cycle, including these inspections, and going forward, we plan to expand this evaluation to the entire Mitsubishi Electric Group, including overseas affiliates.
Mitsubishi Electric has formed the Mitsubishi Electric Product Security Incident Response Team (PSIRT), an internal unit for handling issues related to the security quality of products and services, and is making company-wide efforts to ensure the information security of our products and services.

The roles of the Mitsubishi Electric PSIRT are listed on the right:

- Gather information on vulnerabilities in products and services provided to customers
- Respond swiftly to vulnerabilities discovered in cooperation with product design and production departments and service management departments
- Strengthen and promote technical initiatives to preclude vulnerabilities from the stage of product and service development
- Provide necessary security training to all officers and employees concerned with product and service development
- Disclose vulnerability information and measures to Customers

Mitsubishi Electric has appointed PSIRT managers to all business group headquarters and business sites to reduce risks by tackling security issues. A corporate PSIRT has been established within the Corporate Information Security Division to improve the security of product and service.

The Mitsubishi Electric PSIRT Organization Structure
External lines for dedicated machines and VPNs

Internal network

Layer 5: External area

Layer 4.5: Network boundary

Layer 4: IT

Layer 3.5: Network boundary

Layer 3: OT

Layer 2-1: OT

Scope of Information Security

Scope of OT security

Factory (OT Security) Initiatives

Promotion of OT Security Measures

Various new technologies and environmental changes, such as IoT, DX, and teleworking, are flowing into factories that have been operating in closed environments with no external connections such as the Internet. As a result, factories are now starting to operate in more open environments.

Consequently, the threat of cyberattacks, which had previously been unheard of in the factory environment, has reached factories, leading to numerous incidents that cause significant damage, such as factory shutdowns, in recent years.

At Mitsubishi Electric, as an internal framework to protect our factories from cyberattacks, we have organized a specialized group for OT (Operational Technology) security within the Corporate Information Security Division and are working to strengthen cybersecurity measures for our factories.

Specifically, based on the Purdue reference model\(^7\), we are promoting security measures at each factory by logically stratifying installation positions of systems and equipment within the factory into layers and clarifying the security requirements for each layer in documentation. The security requirements are based on IEC 62443-2-1\(^8\) and other standards.

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\(^7\) Purdue reference model: A framework that logically categorizes industrial control systems into functional layers, enabling to present a map of IT/OT network zones that need to be secured.

\(^8\) IEC 62443 is a set of standards issued by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), which is widely used as security guidelines for control systems. Among them, the IEC 62443-2-1 series provides requirements specifically for factories.