



To Whom It May Concern:

Homeland Safety Systems, Inc. feels that it is our obligation to not only educate our current customers, but also educate other entities that may be affected by HR 5515 that took effect January 1, 2019. This is especially important if you currently have installed security surveillance equipment or are planning to do so in the future. If this law is not adhered to, **you could lose all federal funding.**

In the following pages, you will find an explanation of HR 5515, banning the use of certain companies / brand names that are commonly used by security surveillance equipment installers. Also included is an easily referenced chart with all of the Hikvision and Dahua OEM's that are now banned from use by any entity that uses federal funding.

If you are accepting bids for security equipment in locations that this bill affects, we wanted to ensure that you are fully aware of the law so that you are not purchasing banned equipment. Doing so can ultimately result in the loss of federal funding, not to mention, service and replacement issues in the near future.

Homeland Safety Systems, Inc. manufactures and installs our own brand name equipment, therefore, our products are not affected by this ban. We pride ourselves in our reliable, durable equipment and being able to provide quick, efficient service both onsite and remotely for all HSS products we install. We want to make sure you are made aware of this law and that you understand how it can affect you. If you have any questions concerning this law, we would be more than happy to answer them.

Thank you for your time,

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Homeland Safety Systems, Inc. response to Public Law 115-232 (HR 5515) signed into Law August 13, 2018 by President Donald Trump.

HR 5515 BANNED PRODUCTS

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As a user of Security Surveillance Equipment, do the following names mean anything to you – or do you currently have or are planning on installing any of these products into your facility? Hikvision, Dahua, LT Security, 3x Logic, Advidia, DMP, Honeywell, Sentry Security Systems, Trendnet, ADT, Bosch, FLIR, IC Realtime, Legrand, Panasonic [as an aside – the current owner of VideoInsight], Qsee, Speco, just to name the common ones.



If so, Public Law 115-232, “The John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019¹” is the best kept, most ground-shaking secret that the Security Industry is keeping from their current and future customers. This bill specifically bans the procurement of the following products (called covered telecommunications equipment in the legislation) from – “Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Company, and Dahua Technology Company, their subsidiaries and affiliates”. These names may or may not mean anything to you as users of security products, however their affiliates are what have caused you to read on – all of them have one of the above named banned companies produce their equipment².

Section 889(a)(1)(a-b) says that the “head of an executive agency may not – procure or obtain or extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment....” When you look at a list of what agencies are considered “Executive Agencies” you see that the list includes - The Department of State, Treasury, Defense, Justice, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, Energy, Education, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security³. Any agency who has direct or indirect ties to any of these “executive” agencies can be indirectly made to conform to this policy through

¹ See Text of HR 5515 located at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5515/text>

² Dahua OEM Directory - <https://ipvm.com/reports/dahua-oem>,
Hikvision OEM Directory - <https://ipvm.com/reports/hik-oems-dir>

³ <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/5/101>



Federal Funding – Schools are overseen by the Department of Education on the Federal Level, Prisons are overseen by the Department of Justice, Roads and Infrastructure works are overseen by the Department of Transportation. It is not a long leap to envision in the near future that any Federal Funds (direct or indirect) for any of these State level agencies to become tied to this legislation.

Another consideration that affects many State Agencies now is found in Section 889(a)(b) – Prohibition on Loan and Grant Funds. If you intend to use Federal Grant or Loan monies to accomplish your project, you will have to find another funding source to continue should you decide to use these banned companies. Keep in mind that this includes service or replacement work!!

In conclusion – it should be considered risky business for any end user – you – to consider using these products in the near future, and even begin considering plans to replace these products should you currently use them. Now that this ban has taken effect, it will become increasingly harder and harder to purchase these products, have these products serviced, or even pay for these products should your agency receive any money from the Federal Government directly or indirectly!