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1. (U) Introduction

(U) Authority

(U) DCID 6/6 dated 13 July 2001, mandates a classification marking system for the Intelligence Community (IC). This system uses a uniform list of security classification and control markings authorized for all dissemination of classified national intelligence information by components of the IC. This marking system augments and further defines the markings requirements established in Executive Order 12958, as amended, for portion markings and overall classification. This system does not stipulate or modify the classification authority information required by EO 12958, as amended.

(U) These classification and control markings, and their authorized abbreviations and portion markings, are compiled in the Authorized Classification and Control Markings Register maintained by the Controlled Access Program Coordination Office (CAPCO) (hereafter, referred to as the CAPCO Register) of the Director of National Intelligence Special Security Center (DNI SSC) pursuant to DCID 6/11.

(U) Purpose

(U) The Implementation Manual is a companion document developed to provide amplifying and explanatory guidance on the syntax and use of the markings contained in the CAPCO Register. While not the policy basis for individual agencies' use of any particular marking, the Implementation Manual cites the applicable authority and sponsor for each marking. Some of the Dissemination Controls and Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control Markings are restricted to use by certain agencies. They are included to provide guidance on handling documents that bear them. Their inclusion in the manual does not authorize other Agencies to use these markings. Non-US Classification and Joint Classification Markings are restricted to the respective countries or international organizations

(U) Certain unpublished controlled access program markings or markings that only determine addressing or routing of information are not included in the Implementation Manual per the CAPCO Register. The unpublished markings are contained in a separate unpublished Register maintained by CAPCO. Contact the CAPCO staff if you have questions regarding these items.

(U) The Authorized Classification and Control Markings Register is available from the CAPCO home page on Intelink-TS at: <http://capco.dssc.ic.gov>, and from the CAPCO home page on Intelink-S at: <http://capco.dssc.sgov.gov>.

(U) The Register has eight general categories of Classification and Control Markings as follows:

1. US Classification Markings
2. Non-US Classification Markings
3. Joint Classification Markings
4. SCI Control System Markings
5. Special Access Program Markings
6. Foreign Government Information Markings
7. Dissemination Control Markings
8. Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control Markings

(U) NOTE: Some of the Dissemination Control Markings and Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control Markings are restricted to use by certain Agencies. Non-US Classification and JOINT Classification Markings are restricted to the respective countries or international organizations. In addition, some of the markings in the Register are prohibited from use with other markings. Further information is provided in the "Relationship to Other Markings" column of the Register.

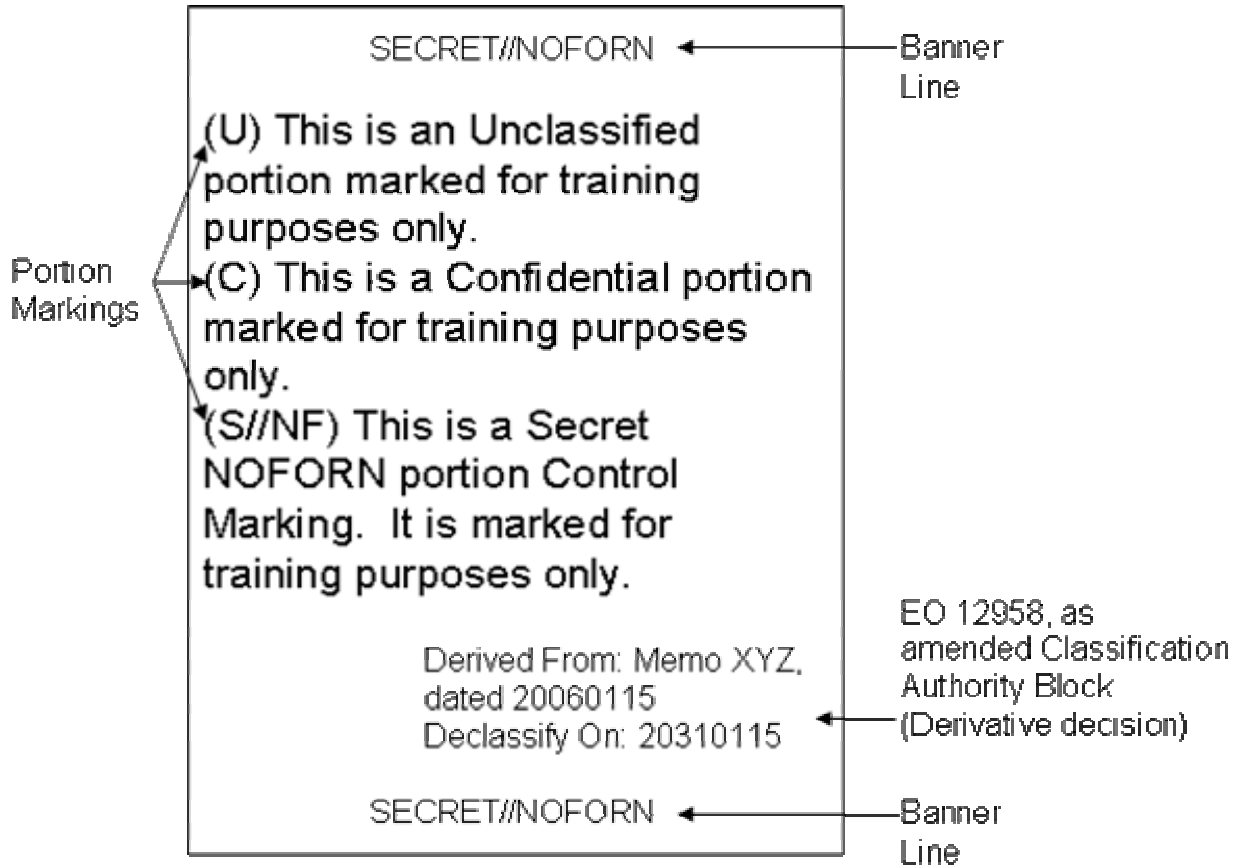
(U) Additional Sections contained in the Register are as follows:

9. Legacy Markings
10. Banner Syntax History
11. Miscellaneous Banner Line Marking Examples

(U) NOTE: The "Registered International Organizations and Alliances/Tetragraphs" section has been removed from the Register due to classified content. These markings have been compiled into a separate classified addendum, called "Annex A – Tetragraph Table."

2. (U) General Markings Guidance

(U) This classification marking system, used in conjunction with EO 12958, as amended, and ISOO Implementing Directive No. 1 marking guidance, prescribes a standard set of markings to be applied to information. Figure 1 below depicts each of the required markings.



(U) Figure 1: Required Markings

(U) Classified information and unclassified information with control markings shall bear the following required markings:

- (U) Classified information:
 - The highest classification level of information contained in the document and any applicable control markings (hereafter referred to as the “banner line”)
 - Portion markings
 - Classification authority block.
- (U) Unclassified information with control markings:
 - Banner line
 - Portion markings

(U) Banner Line

(U) The banner line must be conspicuously placed within the header and footer of each page, in a way that clearly distinguishes it from the informational text, whether in hard copy or being transmitted electronically. Each interior page of a classified document shall have a banner line that contains either the highest level of classification of information contained on that page, including the designation UNCLASSIFIED when it is applicable, or with the highest overall classification of the document.

(U) The banner line must follow the order and syntax of the Register. It must contain, at a minimum, the classification level for the information (i.e., US, Non-US, or JOINT). Control markings are to be applied only if applicable to the information.

(U) The following syntax rules must be followed when creating a banner line:

- The banner line must be in uppercase letters.
- The classification level must be in English without abbreviation.
- The first value in the banner line (classification) should be followed by a double forward slash if additional categories are used.
- US classified documents must always have a classification marking. Non-US or JOINT documents must always have the US classification left blank and the banner line start with a double forward slash followed by the Non-US or JOINT classification marking, unless otherwise noted.
- Only control marking categories with entries applicable to the document are represented in the banner line after the classification. No slashes, hyphens or spaces are used to hold the place of control marking categories with no entries applicable to the document.
- For documents containing information classified at more than one level, the classification marking in the banner line must be the highest level.
- Categories in the banner line are separated by a double forward slash.
- Any control markings in the banner line may be spelled out or abbreviated in accordance with the CAPCO Register, unless otherwise directed by component policy to use one form over the other.
- Multiple entries may be chosen from the SCI Control System, Special Access Program, Dissemination Control, and Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control marking categories if the entries are applicable to the document. If multiple entries are used within a category, they are listed in the order in which they appear in the CAPCO Register.
 - For multiple SCI control system or Special Access Program entries, use a single forward slash as the separator between the individual SCI control system or Special Access Program entries.
 - Use a single forward slash as the separator between multiple Dissemination Controls or multiple Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control marking entries.

(U) NOTE: For unclassified documents transmitted over a classified system, the designation “UNCLASSIFIED” must be conspicuously placed within the banner line of each page to include any dissemination controls that may apply, such as FOUO or PROPIN. It is optional to mark “UNCLASSIFIED” in the banner line of hard copy documents which are UNCLASSIFIED and bear no other control markings.

(U) Portion Markings

(U) This Implementation Manual introduces the Intelligence Community to the first standardized set of portion markings. An authorized portion marking is listed for each classification and control marking entry in the CAPCO Register.

(U) The following syntax rules must be followed when applying a portion marking:

- Every portion will be portion marked on all classified documents.
- Unclassified documents that bear any control markings shall also be portion marked.
- Portion markings will always be placed at the beginning of the portions. This position affords maximum visibility to the reader.
- Portion markings will be enclosed in parentheses.
- Portion markings will use the same separators (i.e., slashes, hyphens, commas, etc.) as are used for the banner line.
- In classified documents or in unclassified documents that bear any control markings, the unclassified portions that do not require any control markings will always be marked with “(U)”.
- When appropriate, portion markings may be less restrictive than the banner line. For example:
 - Some portions of a SECRET document may be marked (U//FOUO) when appropriate.
 - Some portions of a SECRET//NOFORN document may be marked (S//REL TO [country trigraph(s)/tetragraph(s)]) when appropriate.
- Agencies may develop local policies regarding the portion marking of subparagraphs and bulleted presentation slides. In all cases, the underlying guidance should be to make the classification and any applicable controls of all information unambiguous

(U) NOTE: EO 12958, as amended, allows agencies to apply to the Director of ISOO for a portion marking waiver. Only the Director of ISOO, in a written statement to the agency, may grant such a waiver. Waivers are granted for limited and specific categories of information and when applied, **the document may not be used as the source for derivative classification.**

(U) Classification Authority Block

(U) The classification authority block should appear on the face of each document or other media to indicate the authority for the classification determination and declassification instructions. There are two types of classification authority: Original Classification Authority (OCA) and derivative classification authority.

(U) OCA is the act of initially determining that unauthorized disclosure of information reasonably could be expected to result in damage to the national security. On the face of each originally classified document, regardless of the media, the OCA shall apply the following classification authority block markings:

- (U) Classified By: the identification by name or personal identifier and position title of the OCA
- (U) Classification Reason: the concise reason for classification that, at a minimum cites one of the classification categories listed in Section 1.4 of EO 12958, as amended
- (U) Declassify On: the duration of the original classification decision, specified as the date or event that corresponds to lapse of the information's national security sensitivity. Valid values include:
 - A date up to 25 years from the original classification decision
 - An event
 - Exemption category 25X1 – 25X9, along with a specific date or event
 - Exemption category 25X1-human

(U) Derivative classification is the act of incorporating, paraphrasing, restating, or generating in new form any information that is already determined to be classified by an OCA either in a source document, classification guide, or other OCA guidance document. When making a derivative classification decision, the classifier should observe and respect the original classification decision, unless superseded by OCA guidance, and carry forward to any newly created document the pertinent classification markings from the source document(s), classification guide(s), or other applicable OCA guidance.

(U) Derivative classifiers are responsible for assuring that the information is appropriately classified and properly marked. Individuals, who believe that information in their possession is inappropriately classified or unclassified, are expected to bring their concerns to the attention of responsible officials. On the face of each derivatively classified document, the following classification authority block markings are to be carried forward from the source document or taken from instructions in the appropriate classification guide or other documented OCA decisions:

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- (U) Derived From: the source document or classification guide used for the classification determination
- (U) Classification Reason (Optional): the concise reason for classification that, at a minimum cites one of the classification categories listed in Section 1.4 of EO 12958, as amended
- (U) Declassify On: the date, event, or exemption that corresponds to the lapse of the information's national security sensitivity. Valid values include:
 - A date up to 25 years from the original classification decision
 - An event
 - Exemption category 25X1 – 25X9, along with a specific date or event
 - Exemption category 25X1-human
 - The phrase "Source Marked OADR" (Originating Agency's Determination Required), with the date of source (cannot be dated after 14 October 1995)
 - When the source document contains a date after 14 October 1995, use 15 October 2020 (20201015) instead. Unless otherwise instructed by the original classifier (i.e., usually in the form of a classification guide or other form of instruction).
 - The phrase "Source Marked X1-X8," with the date of source (cannot be dated on or after 22 September 2003)
 - When the source document contains a date on or after 22 September 2003, use 22 September 2028 (20280922) instead. Unless otherwise instructed by the original classifier (i.e., usually in the form of a classification guide or other form of instruction).

(U) When derivatively classifying from more than one classified source, use "Multiple Sources" as the Derived From value, and use the longest classification duration from among the sources as the Declassify On value. A list of the sources must be kept with the record copy of the document and if practical, included with all copies of the derivative document.

(U) For more information on the classification authority block, refer to E.O. 12958, as amended, Sec. 1.6 and 2.1, ISOO Dir 1, Sec. 2001.22, and the ISOO Marking Booklets, October 2007 and May 2005.

3. (U) US Classification Markings

(U) US Classification markings are used in the banner line and portion markings of US national intelligence information.

(U) Information identified as classified National Security Information under the provisions of E.O. 12958, as amended, but which is not subject to the enhanced security protections (e.g., safeguarding, access requirements, etc) required for SCI or SAP information, is referred to as “collateral” information.

(U) The classification marking is the first entry in the banner line. ***The classification must be spelled out in full and may not be abbreviated in the banner line.*** The four US classification markings allowed are:

- [TOP SECRET](#)
- [SECRET](#)
- [CONFIDENTIAL](#)
- [UNCLASSIFIED](#)

(U) TOP SECRET

- (U) Marking Title:** TOP SECRET
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (TS)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** TOP SECRET
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** OCA / E.O. 12958, as amended, Sec. 1.2(a), 1.3(a)

(U) Definition:

Under E.O. 12958, as amended, information the unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause *exceptionally grave damage* to the national security, which the original classification authority (OCA) is able to identify or describe.

(U) Further Guidance:

None

(U) Notes:

- May not be used with UNCLASSIFIED, CONFIDENTIAL or SECRET in the banner line.

(U) Notional Example Page:

TOP SECRET

(TS) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified TOP SECRET. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET

(U) SECRET

- (U) Marking Title:** SECRET
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (S)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** OCA / E.O. 12958, as amended, Sec. 1.2(a), 1.3(a)

(U) Definition:

Under E.O. 12958, as amended, information the unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause serious damage to the national security, which the original classification authority is able to identify or describe.

(U) Further Guidance:

None

(U) Notes:

- May not be used with UNCLASSIFIED, CONFIDENTIAL or TOP SECRET in the banner line.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET

(S) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET

(U) CONFIDENTIAL

- (U) Marking Title:** CONFIDENTIAL
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (C)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** CONFIDENTIAL
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** OCA / E.O. 12958, as amended, Sec. 1.2(a), 1.3(a)

(U) Definition:

Under E.O. 12958, as amended, information the unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause damage to the national security, which the original classification authority is able to identify or describe.

(U) Further Guidance:

None

(U) Notes:

- May not be used with UNCLASSIFIED, SECRET or TOP SECRET in the banner line.

(U) Notional Example Page:

CONFIDENTIAL

(C) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified CONFIDENTIAL. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

CONFIDENTIAL

(U) UNCLASSIFIED

(U) Marking Title:	UNCLASSIFIED
(U) Authorized Abbreviation:	None
(U) Portion Marking:	(U)
(U) Example Banner Line:	UNCLASSIFIED
(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:	E.O. 12958, as amended, 1.6(c)

(U) Definition:

A designation used to mark information that is not classified as CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET or TOP SECRET under E.O. 12958, as amended.

(U) Further Guidance:

- ISOO Directive 1, Sec. 2001.21 (b), (c).
- Unclassified information is withheld from public release until approved for release by the originator.

(U) Notes:

- May not be used with CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET or TOP SECRET in the banner line.
- There are several dissemination control markings that may be used with UNCLASSIFIED. Refer to the Register for a complete listing.
- For unclassified documents transmitted over a classified system, the designation "UNCLASSIFIED" must be used in the banner line and include any dissemination controls that may apply, such as FOUO or PROPIN.
- Unclassified documents that bear any control markings shall also be portion marked.
- It is optional to have a banner line of "UNCLASSIFIED" on hard copy documents which are UNCLASSIFIED and bear no other control markings, such as FOUO or PROPIN.

(U) Notional Example Page:

UNCLASSIFIED

(U) This is the portion marking for an unclassified portion.

UNCLASSIFIED

4. (U) Non-US Classification Markings

(U) Other countries and international organizations use Non-US Classification markings. Authorized non-US classifications are:

- TOP SECRET
- SECRET
- CONFIDENTIAL
- RESTRICTED
- UNCLASSIFIED

(U) Per EO 12958, as amended, documents consisting entirely of Foreign Government Information (FGI) shall either retain their original classification markings or shall be assigned a U.S. classification that provides a degree of protection at least equivalent to that required by the entity that furnished the information. Foreign government information retaining its original classification markings need not be assigned a U.S. classification marking provided that the responsible agency determines that the foreign government markings are adequate to meet the purposes served by U.S. classification markings.

(U) The Non-US Classification Markings always start with a double forward slash and are listed in the order they appear in the Register are:

(U) By respective country:

- [//\[Relevant ISO 3166 country trigraph\] \[non-US classification\]](#)

(U) NATO:

- [//COSMIC TOP SECRET](#)
- [//COSMIC TOP SECRET-BOHEMIA](#)
- [//COSMIC TOP SECRET-BALK](#)
- [//NATO SECRET](#)
- [//NATO CONFIDENTIAL](#)
- [//NATO RESTRICTED](#)
- [//NATO UNCLASSIFIED](#)
- [//COSMIC TOP SECRET ATOMAL](#)
- [//SECRET ATOMAL](#)
- [//CONFIDENTIAL ATOMAL](#)

(U) United Nations:

- [UN RESTRICTED \(Omitted, refer to Implementation Manual - Appendix A\)](#)

(U) Non-US Country Classifications

(U) Marking Title: // [Country Trigraph] [Non-US Classification]

(U) Authorized Abbreviation: None

(U) Portion Marking: ([[Country Trigraph] [Non-US Classification Portion Marking])

(U) Example Banner Line: //GBR SECRET

(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis: Respective Country / E.O. 12958, as amended, Sec. 1.6 (5)(e)

(U) Definition:

This category covers markings for information that is wholly of Non-US origin.

(U) Further Guidance:

- ISOO Directive 1

(U) Notes:

- Non-US classifications are used on documents consisting entirely of foreign information.
- When foreign information is incorporated into a US document, the information must either be marked as US information or FGI depending on sharing agreements or arrangements with the source government. See Section 8 of this Manual for guidance on using FGI markings.
- All non-US classification markings begin with a double forward slash (i.e. //), unless otherwise noted (e.g., UN RESTRICTED).
- Cannot be used with US Classification markings.
- Authorized non-US classifications (portion abbreviations) are:
 - TOP SECRET (TS)
 - SECRET (S)
 - CONFIDENTIAL (C)
 - RESTRICTED (R)
 - UNCLASSIFIED (U)
- Use [ISO 3166](#) trigraphic country codes + non-US classification.

(U) Notional Example Page:

//DEU SECRET

(//DEU S) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified German SECRET. This portion is marked for training purposes only. Use [ISO 3166](#) trigraphic country codes.

(U) Note: *All* non US classified material is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended marking requirements. Therefore, non US classified material does not carry a classification authority block.

//DEU SECRET

(U) COSMIC TOP SECRET

- (U) Marking Title:** //COSMIC TOP SECRET
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (//CTS)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** //COSMIC TOP SECRET
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** NATO / US Security Authority for NATO (USSAN) Instruction 1-07

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:
None

(U) Notes:

- Cannot be used with US Classification.
- May be used by NATO organizations only.
- Cannot be used with NOFORN or EYES ONLY.

(U) Notional Example Page:

//COSMIC TOP SECRET

(//CTS) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified COSMIC TOP SECRET. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: *All* NATO classified material is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended, marking requirements. Therefore, NATO classified information does not carry a classification authority block.

//COSMIC TOP SECRET

(U) COSMIC TOP SECRET-BOHEMIA

(U) Marking Title: //COSMIC TOP SECRET-BOHEMIA

(U) Authorized Abbreviation: None

(U) Portion Marking: (//CTS-B)

(U) Example Banner Line: //COSMIC TOP SECRET-BOHEMIA

(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis: NATO / US Security Authority for NATO (USSAN) Instruction 1-07

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:
None

Notes:

- Cannot be used with US Classification.
- May be used by NATO organizations only.
- Cannot be used with NOFORN or EYES ONLY.

(U) Notional Example Page:

//COSMIC TOP SECRET-BOHEMIA

(//CTS-B) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified COSMIC TOP SECRET-BOHEMIA. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: *All* NATO classified material is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended, marking requirements. Therefore, NATO classified information does not carry a classification authority block.

//COSMIC TOP SECRET-BOHEMIA

(U) COSMIC TOP SECRET-BALK

- (U) Marking Title:** //COSMIC TOP SECRET-BALK
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (//CTS-BALK)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** //COSMIC TOP SECRET-BALK
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** NATO / US Security Authority for NATO (USSAN) Instruction 1-07

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:
None

(U) Notes:

- Cannot be used with US Classification.
- May be used by NATO organizations only.
- Replaces -BOHEMIA in an exercise scenario.
- Cannot be used with NOFORN or EYES ONLY.

(U) Notional Example Page:

//COSMIC TOP SECRET-BALK

(//CTS-B) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified COSMIC TOP SECRET-BALK. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: *All* NATO classified material is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended, marking requirements. Therefore, NATO classified information does not carry a classification authority block.

//COSMIC TOP SECRET-BALK

(U) NATO SECRET

- (U) Marking Title:** //NATO SECRET
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (//NS)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** //NATO SECRET
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** NATO / US Security Authority for NATO (USSAN) Instruction 1-07
- (U) Definition:**
- (U) Further Guidance:**
None
- (U) Notes:**
- Cannot be used with US Classification.
 - May be used by NATO organizations only.
 - Cannot be used with NOFORN or EYES ONLY.

(U) Notional Example Page:

//NATO SECRET

(//NS) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified NATO SECRET. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: *All* NATO classified material is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended marking requirements. Therefore, NATO classified information does not carry a classification authority block.

//NATO SECRET

(U) NATO CONFIDENTIAL

(U) Marking Title: //NATO CONFIDENTIAL

(U) Authorized Abbreviation: None

(U) Portion Marking: (//NC)

(U) Example Banner Line: //NATO CONFIDENTIAL

(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis NATO / US Security Authority for NATO (USSAN) Instruction 1-07

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:
None

(U) Notes:

- Cannot be used with US Classification.
- May be used by NATO organizations only.
- Cannot be used with NOFORN or EYES ONLY.

(U) Notional Example Page:

//NATO CONFIDENTIAL

(//NC) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified NATO CONFIDENTIAL. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: *All* NATO classified material is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended marking requirements. Therefore, NATO classified information does not carry a classification authority block.

//NATO CONFIDENTIAL

(U) NATO RESTRICTED

(U) Marking Title: //NATO RESTRICTED

(U) Authorized Abbreviation: None

(U) Portion Marking: (//NR)

(U) Example Banner Line: //NATO RESTRICTED

(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis: NATO/ US Security Authority for NATO (USSAN) Instruction 1-07

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:
None

(U) Notes:

- Cannot be used with US Classification.
- May be used by NATO organizations only.
- Cannot be used with NOFORN or EYES ONLY.

(U) Notional Example Page:

//NATO RESTRICTED

(//NR) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified NATO RESTRICTED. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: All NATO classified material is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended marking requirements. Therefore, NATO classified material does not carry a classification authority block.

//NATO RESTRICTED

(U) NATO UNCLASSIFIED

- (U) Marking Title:** //NATO UNCLASSIFIED
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (//NU)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** //NATO UNCLASSIFIED
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** NATO/ US Security Authority for NATO (USSAN) Instruction 1-07

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:
None

(U) Notes:

- Cannot be used with US Classification.
- May be used by NATO organizations only.
- Cannot be used with NOFORN or EYES ONLY.

(U) Notional Example Page:

//NATO UNCLASSIFIED

(//NU) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified NATO UNCLASSIFIED. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

//NATO UNCLASSIFIED

(U) COSMIC TOP SECRET ATOMAL

- (U) Marking Title:** //COSMIC TOP SECRET ATOMAL
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (//CTSA)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** //COSMIC TOP SECRET ATOMAL
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** NATO / US Security Authority for NATO (USSAN) Instruction 1-07

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:

None

(U) Notes:

- Cannot be used with US Classification.
- May be used by NATO organizations only.
- Cannot be used with NOFORN or EYES ONLY.

(U) Notional Example Page:

//COSMIC TOP SECRET ATOMAL

(//CTSA) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified COSMIC TOP SECRET ATOMAL. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: *All* NATO classified material is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended marking requirements. Therefore, NATO classified material does not carry a classification authority block.

//COSMIC TOP SECRET ATOMAL

(U) NATO SECRET ATOMAL

- (U) Marking Title:** //SECRET ATOMAL
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (//NSAT)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** //SECRET ATOMAL
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** NATO / US Security Authority for NATO (USSAN) Instruction 1-07

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:

None

(U) Notes:

- Cannot be used with US Classification.
- May be used by NATO organizations only.
- Cannot be used with NOFORN or EYES ONLY.

(U) Notional Example Page:

//SECRET ATOMAL

(//NSAT) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified NATO SECRET ATOMAL. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: *All* NATO classified material is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended marking requirements. Therefore, NATO classified material does not carry a classification authority block.

//SECRET ATOMAL

(U) NATO CONFIDENTIAL ATOMAL

(U) Marking Title: //CONFIDENTIAL ATOMAL

(U) Authorized Abbreviation: None

(U) Portion Marking: (//NCA)

(U) Example Banner Line: //CONFIDENTIAL ATOMAL

(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis: NATO / US Security Authority for NATO (USSAN) Instruction 1-07

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:
None

(U) Notes:

- Cannot be used with US Classification.
- May be used by NATO organizations only.
- Cannot be used with NOFORN or EYES ONLY.

(U) Notional Example Page:

//CONFIDENTIAL ATOMAL

(//NCA) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified NATO CONFIDENTIAL ATOMAL. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: *All* NATO classified material is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended marking requirements. Therefore, NATO classified material does not carry a classification authority block.

//CONFIDENTIAL ATOMAL

(U) UN RESTRICTED ([Omitted, refer to Implementation Manual - Appendix A](#))

5. (U) JOINT Classification Markings

(U) JOINT classification markings are used on information which is owned or produced by more than one country and/or international organization(s).

(U) JOINT classification markings always start with a double forward slash, i.e. "//".

(U) The JOINT classification marking takes the form:

- //JOINT [classification] plus ISO 3166 Trigraphic Country Codes and/or International Organization Tetragraph(s)

(U) JOINT CLASSIFICATION

- (U) Marking Title:** //JOINT [classification] plus [ISO 3166 Trigraphic Country Codes](#) ISO 3166 Trigraphic Country Codes and/or Int'l Org Tetragraphs
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (//JOIN [Classification Portion Marking]) May be used if country/international organization list is the same as the banner line JOINT marking.
- (U) Portion Marking:** (//JOINT [Classification Portion Marking] plus [ISO 3166 Trigraphic Country Codes](#) and/ or [Int'l Org Tetragraphs](#)). Used when the country/international organization list is different from the banner line JOINT marking.
- (U) Example Banner Line:** //JOINT TOP SECRET CAN ISR USA NATO
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** Respective Countries / E.O. 12958, as amended, Section 6.1(r)(2)
- (U) Definition:**
This category covers markings for information that is jointly owned and/or produced by more than one country/international organization.
- (U) Further Guidance:**
Respective Countries

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with TOP SECRET, SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL, RESTRICTED, or UNCLASSIFIED. (RESTRICTED is the non-US classification for which there is no US equivalent marking and may not be used when USA is one of the co-owners.)
- All JOINT classification markings begin with a double forward slash (i.e. //).
- The JOINT marking in the banner line indicates co-ownership and implied releasability of the entire document to the co-owners. All JOINT information is withheld from further release until approved for release by the co-owners.
- Use ISO 3166 trigraphic country codes + classification. ISO 3166 country codes are available on both the CAPCO IntelLink-TS and SIPRNet websites (see Introduction Page for addresses).
- If the JOINT portion is extracted into a US document then the ISO 3166 trigraphic country code(s)/international organization(s) tetragraph codes must be listed i.e., (//JOINT S [trigraphs and/or tetragraphs]).
- When the use of "REL TO" is appropriate, must include country code "USA" as the first country code listed in the REL TO string for US documents. After USA, [ISO 3166](#) country trigraphic codes shall be listed in alphabetical order followed by tetragraph codes listed in alphabetical order. Each code is separated by a comma and a space. USA is required to be listed first when the REL TO string is invoked for automated decision making in systems, thus ensuring transmission to US citizens who meet the criteria of any other caveats.
- Authorized classifications (portion markings) are as follows:

(U) If US is joint owner/producer:

- TOP SECRET (TS)
- SECRET (S)
- CONFIDENTIAL (C)
- UNCLASSIFIED (U)

(U) If US is not joint owner/producer:

- TOP SECRET (TS)
- SECRET(S)
- CONFIDENTIAL(C)
- RESTRICTED(R)
- UNCLASSIFIED(U)

(U) Notional Example Page:

//JOINT SECRET CAN GBR USA

((//JOINT S) This is the portion marking for a portion, which is classified JOINT US, Canadian, and British SECRET. This portion is marked for training purposes only. Use ISO 3166 trigraphic country codes or registered international organization codes.

(U) NOTE: The JOINT marking in the banner line indicates co-ownership and implied releasability of the entire document to the co-owners.

//JOINT SECRET CAN GBR USA

6. (U) SCI Control System Markings

(U) General Information

(U) SENSITIVE COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION: SCI is classified national intelligence information concerning or derived from intelligence sources, methods or analytical processes which is required to be handled within formal access control systems established by the DNI. An SCI control system is the system of procedural protective mechanisms used to regulate or guide each program established by the DNI as SCI. A control system provides the ability to exercise restraint, direction, or influence over or provide that degree of access control or physical protection necessary to regulate, handle or manage information or items within an approved program. The three SCI control systems included in the Register are:

- [HCS](#)
- [COMINT](#)
- [TALENT KEYHOLE](#)

(U) Multiple entries may be chosen from this SCI control system category if applicable. If multiple entries are used, they are listed in the order in which they appear in the Register. Use a single forward slash as the separator between multiple SCI Control System entries.

(U) If more than one of these SCI control systems is applicable to the document, they are listed in the order in which they appear in the Register: HCS, COMINT, and TALENT KEYHOLE.

(U) Multiple SCI control system entries are separated by single forward slashes.

- For example, if the classified information falls within HCS, COMINT and TALENT KEYHOLE control systems, then the SCI category of the banner line would appear as:

[Classification level]//**HCS/COMINT/TALENT KEYHOLE**//NOT RELEASABLE
TO FOREIGN NATIONALS

Or abbreviated as

[Classification level]//**HCS/SI/TK**//NOFORN

(U) Unpublished SCI Control Systems

- (U) Any unpublished SCI control systems will be listed in alphabetical order before the three SCI Control Systems listed in the Register and separated by single forward slashes. For example the SCI category of the banner line would appear as (“AUNPUB” and “XUNPUB” are notional):

[Classification level]//**AUNPUB/XUNPUB/COMINT/TALENT KEYHOLE**
Or abbreviated as
[Classification level]//**ABC/XYZ/SI/TK**

(U) SCI Sub-Control Systems

(U) The COMINT sub-control systems included in the Register are:

- [-GAMMA](#)
- [-ECI](#)

(U) Sub-control systems also are listed in the banner line in the order in which they appear in the Register. See COMINT Section for more information.

For example, if the classified information falls within the COMINT sub-control system ECI, then the SCI category of the banner line would appear as:

TOP SECRET//**COMINT-ECI ABC-ECI EFG-ECI XYZ**
Or abbreviated as
TOP SECRET//**SI-ECI ABC-ECI EFG-ECI XYZ**

(U) If multiple COMINT sub-control systems apply, they appear in the order listed in the register, with hyphens separating each.

- For example, if the classified information falls within the COMINT sub-control systems GAMMA and ECI ABC, it would appear in the COMINT SCI control system category as:
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TOP SECRET//**COMINT-GAMMA-ECI ABC**//ORIGINATOR CONTROLLED
Or abbreviated as
TOP SECRET//**SI-G-ECI ABC**//ORCON

(U) HCS

- (U) Marking Title:** HCS
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** HCS
- (U) Portion Marking:** (HCS)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET//HCS//NOFORN
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DNI / E.O. 12958, as amended, Section 4.3

(U) Definition:

On 26 March 1998 the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence (DDCI) approved creation of HCS to protect sensitive clandestine HUMINT sources, methods and reporting.

(U) Further Guidance:

- HCS Classification Guide

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with TOP SECRET, SECRET, or CONFIDENTIAL.
- NOFORN is required.
- Not all national intelligence information derived from human sources is held within HCS control system channels.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//HCS//NOFORN

(S//HCS//NF) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified SECRET and contains HCS information. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//HCS//NOFORN

(U) COMINT

- (U) Marking Title:** COMINT
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** SI
- (U) Portion Marking:** (SI)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** TOP SECRET//SI
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DNI / National Security Act of 1947 (as amended) Title I, Sec 105 (b)(1)

(U) Definition:

Communications Intelligence, or COMINT, is technical and intelligence information derived from the monitoring of foreign communications signals by other than the intended recipients. Under the purview of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), the COMINT control system protects COMINT-derived information and information relating to COMINT activities, capabilities, techniques, process and procedures.

(U) Further Guidance:

None

(U) Notes:

- Also referred to as Special Intelligence (SI).
- May be used only with: TOP SECRET, SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL.
- National SIGINT Committee
- Signals Intelligence Security Regulation (SISR)
- SP0003

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//SI

(S//SI) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified SECRET and contains COMINT information. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//SI

(U) -GAMMA

- (U) Marking Title:** -GAMMA
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** -G
- (U) Portion Marking:** (-G)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** TOP SECRET//SI-G//ORCON
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DNI / National Security Act of 1947, as amended, Title I, Sec 105 (b)(1)

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:

- COMINT sub-control system/ sub-compartment
- Requires TOP SECRET and COMINT and ORCON.
- Signals Intelligence Security Regulation (SISR)
- SP0003

(U) Notes:

(U) Notional Example Page:

TOP SECRET//SI-G//ORCON

(TS//SI-G//OC) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified TOP SECRET and contains COMINT-GAMMA information. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//SI-G//ORCON

(U) -ECI [Designator]

- (U) Marking Title:** -ECI [designator (3 alpha characters)]
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** -ECI [designator (3 alpha characters)]
- (U) Portion Marking:** (-ECI [designator (3 alpha characters)])
- (U) Example Banner Line:** TOP SECRET//SI-ECI ABC
- (U) Example Banner Line Multiple ECI:** TOP SECRET//SI-ECI ABC-ECI EFG-ECI XYZ
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DNI, National Security Act of 1947, as amended, Title I, Sec 105 (b)(1)

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:

- Signals Intelligence Security Regulation (SISR)
- NSA/CSS Policy 1-41

(U) Notes:

- COMINT sub-control system/ sub-compartment
- Requires: TOP SECRET and COMINT
- The ECI designator consists of 3 alpha characters.
- **Multiple ECIs shall be listed in ascending alphabetical order, for example: COMINT-ECI ABC-ECI EFG-ECI XYZ.**

(U) Notional Example Page using “ABC” as a particular ECI designator

TOP SECRET//SI-ECI ABC

(TS//SI-ECI ABC) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified TOP SECRET and contains SI-ECI ABC information. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//SI-ECI ABC

(U) TALENT KEYHOLE

(U) Marking Title:	TALENT KEYHOLE
(U) Authorized Abbreviation:	TK
(U) Portion Marking:	(TK)
(U) Example Banner Line:	SECRET//TALENT KEYHOLE
(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:	DNI / White House Memorandum of Aug 26, 1960

(U) Definition:

DNI Security Control System for compartmentation of information and activities related to space-based collection of imagery, signals, measurement and signature intelligence, certain products, processing, and exploitation techniques, and the design, acquisition and operation of reconnaissance satellites.

(U) Further Guidance:

- Signals Intelligence Security Regulation (SISR)
- NGA GIPS
- DIA/DT Policy Series
- SIGINT Committee
- NRO classification Guide 6.0

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with TOP SECRET or SECRET.
- May require RSEN for imagery product.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//TK

(S//TK) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified SECRET and contains TALENT KEYHOLE information. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//TK

7. (U) Special Access Program Markings

(U) Special Access Program markings are used to denote classified information that requires extraordinary protection as allowed by E.O. 12958, as amended.

(U) The Special Access Program markings take the form:

- [SPECIAL ACCESS REQUIRED-\[program identifier\]](#) **or** abbreviated as SAR-[program identifier abbreviation]

(U) A program identifier is the program's assigned nickname, codeword, or abbreviation.

(U) Multiple SAR program identifiers may be applied if applicable. When multiple SAR values are used, the marking takes the form:

- [US Class Level]//**SPECIAL ACCESS REQUIRED**-[program identifier]//**SPECIAL ACCESS REQUIRED**-[program identifier] *or* abbreviated as [US Class Level]//**SAR**-[program identifier abbreviation]/SAR-[program identifier abbreviation]. Example: SECRET//SAR-XXX/SAR-YYY/SAR-ZZZ
- Multiple program identifiers are listed in ascending alphabetical order.

(U) SPECIAL ACCESS REQUIRED

- (U) Marking Title:** SPECIAL ACCESS REQUIRED-[program identifier]
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** SAR-[program identifier] *or* SAR-[program identifier abbreviation]
- (U) Portion Marking:** (SAR-[program identifier abbreviation])
- (U) Example Banner Line:** TOP SECRET//SAR-BUTTER POPCORN
or
TOP SECRET//SAR-BP
- (U) Example Banner Line for multiple SAR:** TOP SECRET//SAR-BUTTER POPCORN/
SAR-SODA
or
TOP SECRET//SAR-BP/SAR-SDA
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DNI, DoD, and DoE / E.O 12958, as amended, Section 4.3

(U) Definition:

Special Access Program Markings denote classified information that requires extraordinary protection as allowed by E.O. 12958, as amended.

(U) Further Guidance:

- DoD 5200.1R
- DoE 471.2

(U) Notes:

- A program identifier is a program's assigned nickname, codeword, or abbreviation.
- A program identifier abbreviation is the two or three-character designator for the program.
- Program identifiers may be spelled out or abbreviated.
- Multiple SAR program identifiers shall be:
 - Separated from one another by a single forward slash and a repeating "SAR-".
 - Listed in ascending alphabetic order.

(U) Notional Example Page using the “(BP)” program identifier abbreviation:

TOP SECRET//SAR-BP

(TS//SAR-BP) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified TOP SECRET and contains SPECIAL ACCESS REQUIRED-BUTTER POPCORN information. “BP” is the abbreviation for the BUTTER POPCORN program identifier in this example. This portion is marked for training purposes only

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//SAR-BP

8. (U) Foreign Government Information Markings

(U) Foreign Government Information (FGI) markings are used in US products to denote the presence of foreign-owned or foreign-produced information. These markings are used based on sharing agreements or arrangements with the source country or international organization.

(U) The Foreign Government Information markings included in the Register are:

- [FGI \[Country Trigraph\(s\) and/or International Organization Tetragraph\(s\)\]](#)
- [FGI](#) (when country(ies) or organization(s) of origin must be concealed)

(U) FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

(U) Marking Title:	//FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INFORMATION plus [Country Trigraph(s) and/or Int'l Org Tetragraph(s)]
(U) Marking Title (when country(ies) or organization(s) must be concealed):	//FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INFORMATION
(U) Authorized Abbreviation:	//FGI plus [Country Trigraph(s) and/or Int'l Org Tetragraph(s)]
(U) Authorized Abbreviation (when country(ies) or organization(s) must be concealed):	//FGI
(U) Portion Marking:	(//[Country Trigraph] [Non-US Classification Portion Marking]) or (//[International Organization Tetragraph] [Non-US Classification Portion Marking]) or (NATO Portion marking)
(U) Example Portion Marking:	(//GBR S)
(U) Portion Marking (when country of origin must be concealed):	(//FGI plus [non-US Classification Portion Marking])
(U) Example Portion Marking (when country of origin must be concealed):	(//FGI TS)
(U) Example Banner Line of US document:	TOP SECRET//FGI GBR
(U) Example Banner Line of US document (when country of origin must be concealed):	TOP SECRET//FGI
(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:	Respective country / E.O. 12958, as amended, Sec. 6.1(r)

(U) Definition:

Under E.O. 12958, as amended, Foreign Government Information is defined as:

1. Information provided to the United States Government by a foreign government or governments, an international organization of governments, or any element thereof, with the expectation that the information, the source of the information, or both, are to be held in confidence; or
2. Information produced by the United States pursuant to or as a result of a joint arrangement with a foreign government or governments, or an international organization of governments or any element thereof, requiring that the information, the arrangement, or both, are to be held in confidence; or
3. Information received and treated as "Foreign Government Information" under the terms of a predecessor order.

(U) Further Guidance:

- ISOO Directive. 1

(U) Notes:

- Use FGI + [ISO 3166](#) trigraphic country codes in the banner line, unless the very fact that the information is foreign government information must be concealed. Then the markings described here shall not be used. Such information shall be marked as if it were wholly of US origin. (ISOO Directive 32 CFR 2001.23D). ISO 3166 country codes are available on both of the CAPCO Intelink websites (see Introduction Page for addresses) and on the World Wide Web.
- Do not include country codes within the portion marks where the specific government(s) must be concealed.
- **Release or disclosure of FGI back to the source country is not implied and must be approved by the responsible agency.**
- **The release or disclosure of FGI to any third-country entity must have the prior consent of the originating government if required by a treaty, agreement, bilateral exchange, or other obligation. (ISOO Directive 32 CFR 2001.53(e)) Therefore, FGI portion marks should not contain NOFORN.**
- When the use of "REL TO" is appropriate, must include country code "USA" as the first country code listed in the REL TO string for US documents. After USA, [ISO 3166](#) country trigraphic codes shall be listed in alphabetical order followed by tetragraph codes listed in alphabetical order. Each code is separated by a comma and a space. USA is required to be listed first when the REL TO string is invoked for automated decision making in systems, thus ensuring transmission to US citizens who meet the criteria of any other caveats.
- Documents containing FGI shall keep the FGI segregated from US classified portions.
- Documents containing FGI from more than one country and/or international organization, shall keep the FGI from each individual country or international organization segregated in separate portions (i.e., any one portion of a document shall not contain FGI from more than one country).

- Unclassified FGI is withheld from public release until approved for release by the source country.

(U) Authorized non-US classification (portion markings) are:

- (TS) for TOP SECRET
- (S) for SECRET
- (C) for CONFIDENTIAL
- (R) for RESTRICTED
- (U) for UNCLASSIFIED

(U) Notional Example of a US document page containing German and British SECRET information:

TOP SECRET//FGI DEU GBR

(TS) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified TOP SECRET. This portion shall only contain US classified information. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(//DEU S) This is the portion marking for a German SECRET portion within a US classified document. This portion shall only contain German SECRET FGI. Use ISO 3166 trigraphic country codes. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(//GBR S) This is the portion marking for a British SECRET portion within a US classified document. This portion shall only contain British SECRET FGI. Use ISO 3166 trigraphic country codes. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: Release or disclosure of FGI back to the source country is not implied and must be approved by the responsible agency.

(U) Note: The release or disclosure of FGI to any third-country entity must have the prior consent of the originating government if required by a treaty, agreement, bilateral exchange, or other obligation. (ISOO Directive 1 2001.53(e)) Therefore, FGI portion marks should not contain NOFORN.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//FGI DEU GBR

(U) Notional Example of a US document page containing NATO COSMIC TOP SECRET-BOHEMIA, German SECRET and British SECRET information:

TOP SECRET//FGI DEU GBR NATO

(TS) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified TOP SECRET. This portion shall only contain US classified information. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(//DEU S) This is the portion marking for a German SECRET portion within a US classified document. This portion shall only contain German SECRET FGI. Use ISO 3166 trigraphic country codes. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(//GBR S) This is the portion marking for a British SECRET portion within a US classified document. This portion shall only contain British SECRET FGI. Use ISO 3166 trigraphic country codes. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(//CTS-B) This is the portion marking for a NATO COSMIC TOP SECRET BOHEMIA portion within a US classified document. This portion shall only contain NATO COSMIC TOP SECRET BOHEMIA FGI. Use NATO portion markings. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//FGI DEU GBR NATO

(U) Notional Example of a US document page containing German SECRET information cases where Germany must be concealed:

SECRET//FGI

(S) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET. This portion shall only contain US classified information. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(//FGI S) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified German SECRET in cases where Germany must be concealed within a US classified document. This portion shall only contain German SECRET FGI. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: Release or disclosure of FGI back to the source country is not implied and must be approved by the responsible agency.

(U) Note: The release or disclosure of FGI to any third-country entity must have the prior consent of the originating government if required by a treaty, agreement, bilateral exchange, or other obligation. (ISOO Directive 1 2001.53(e)) Therefore, FGI portion marks should not contain NOFORN.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//FGI

(U) Another Notional Example Page containing Canadian SECRET and German TOP SECRET information:

TOP SECRET//FGI CAN DEU//NOFORN

(S//REL TO USA , AUS). This is the portion marking for a portion that is releasable to Australia within a US classified document. This portion shall only contain US classified information that is releasable to Australia . This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(//CAN S//REL TO USA , AUS, CAN, GBR) This is the portion marking for a Canadian SECRET portion in which Canada has allowed release back to Canada and further release to Australia and United Kingdom within a US classified document. This portion shall only contain Canadian SECRET releasable FGI to those countries listed. Use [ISO 3166](#) trigraphic country codes. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(//DEU TS) This is the portion marking for a German TOP SECRET portion within a US classified document. This portion shall only contain German TOP SECRET FGI. Use [ISO 3166](#) trigraphic country codes. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: REL TO with no overlap in the country lists, results in NOFORN being applied to the banner line. REL TO is a limited exception to NOFORN.

(U) Note: FGI and NOFORN in the banner line signals that the document may not be disseminated to any foreign country without the permission of the US originator and the source country providing the FGI.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//FGI CAN DEU//NOFORN

(U) Another Notional Example of a US document page containing Canadian SECRET and British SECRET information:

SECRET//FGI CAN GBR//REL TO USA, CAN, GBR

(S//REL TO USA , AUS, NATO). This is the portion marking for a portion that is releasable to Australia and NATO within a US classified document. This portion shall only contain US classified information that is releasable to Australia and NATO. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(//CAN S//REL TO USA , CAN, GBR) This is the portion marking for a Canadian SECRET portion in which Canada has allowed release back to Canada and further release to United Kingdom within a US classified document. This portion shall only contain Canadian SECRET FGI releasable to those countries in the REL TO list. Use [ISO 3166](#) trigraphic country codes. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(//GBR S//REL TO USA , CAN, GBR) This is the portion marking for a British SECRET portion in which Britain has allowed release back to United Kingdom and further release to Canada within a US classified document. This portion shall only contain British SECRET FGI releasable to those countries in the REL TO list. Use [ISO 3166](#) trigraphic country codes. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: REL TO with an overlap in the country lists, roll-up to the most restrictive list. Canada and United Kingdom appear in the banner line because these countries appear in all portions. (Canada and United Kingdom have eligibility under NATO.)

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//FGI CAN GBR//REL TO USA, CAN, GBR

(U) Notional Example of a US document page containing a combination of US classified, JOINT classified and FGI:

TOP SECRET//FGI CAN GBR//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR

(//JOINT TS GBR USA//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR) This is the portion marking for a portion, which is classified Joint British and US TOP SECRET in which the United Kingdom and USA have allowed further release to the Australians and Canadians. Use ISO 3166 trigraphic country codes or registered international organization codes. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: When a Joint portion is extracted into a US document; the country codes must be listed. The JOINT marking indicates co-ownership and implied releasability of the entire portion to the co-owners. All JOINT information is withheld from further release until approved for release by the co-owners.

(S//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified SECRET AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE TO USA, Australia, Canada and United Kingdom. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(//CAN S//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR) This is the portion marking for a Canadian SECRET portion in which Canada has allowed release back to Canada and further release to USA, Australia and United Kingdom. This portion shall only contain Canadian SECRET FGI releasable to those countries in the REL TO list. Use ISO 3166 trigraphic country codes. This portion is marked for training purposes only

(U) Note: REL TO portions with an overlap in the country lists, roll-up to the most restrictive list. AUS, CAN, and GBR appear in the banner line because these countries appear in all portions.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//FGI CAN GBR//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR

9. (U) Dissemination Control Markings

(U) General Information

(U) Multiple entries may be chosen from this Dissemination Control category if applicable. If multiple entries are used, they are listed in the order in which they appear in the Register and this Manual. Use a single forward slash as the separator between multiple Dissemination Control entries.

(U) Dissemination Controls are control markings that identify the expansion or limitation on the distribution of information. These markings are in addition to and separate from the levels of classification defined by E.O. 12958, as amended.

(U) If multiple Dissemination Controls and Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Controls apply to the document, they are listed in the order shown in the Register and the two categories are separated from one another by a double forward slash, and individual controls are separated from one another by a single forward slash, with no spaces interjected. For example, using the authorized abbreviations from both Dissemination Control categories for a document that is PROPIN, LIMDIS and SBU would appear as: PROPIN//LIMDIS/SBU

(U) Note: Some of the Dissemination Controls are restricted to use by certain Agencies. They are included in the Register to provide guidance on handling documents that bear them. Their inclusion in the Register does not authorize other Agencies to use these markings.

(U) The following Dissemination Controls and their respective Marking Sponsor(s) are listed in the order as they appear in the Register:

(U) NGA

- [RISK SENSITIVE](#)

(U) Various Agencies:

- [FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY](#)

(U) DNI

- [ORIGINATOR CONTROLLED](#)
- [CONTROLLED IMAGERY](#)
- [SOURCES AND METHODS INFORMATION](#)
- [NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS](#)
- [CAUTION-PROPRIETARY INFORMATION INVOLVED](#)
- [AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE TO \[trigraphs and/or tetragraphs\]](#)
- [RELEASABLE BY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE OFFICIAL](#)

(U) DoD/DoE

- RESTRICTED DATA
 - -CRITICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON DESIGN INFORMATION
 - -SIGMA 1-15
- FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA
 - -CRITICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON DESIGN INFORMATION
 - -SIGMA 1-15
- DOD or DOE CONTROLLED NUCLEAR INFORMATION

(U) NSA

- USA/[country trigraphs] EYES ONLY
- FRONTO
- KEYRUT
- SEABOOT
- SETTEE

(U) DEA

- DEA SENSITIVE

(U) DNI

- FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT

(U) RISK SENSITIVE

- (U) Marking Title:** RISK SENSITIVE
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** RSEN
- (U) Portion Marking:** (RS)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** TOP SECRET//TALENT KEYHOLE//
RISK SENSITIVE
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** NGA / GIPS Chapter 1, Section 3, Part B

(U) Definition:

Term used to protect especially sensitive imaging capabilities and exploitation techniques.

(U) Further Guidance:

NGA, Sensitive Analytical Techniques Procedural Guide, Feb 2006; GIPS sections including TK (where TK and RSEN are used together); GEOINT classification guide

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with TOP SECRET or SECRET.
- Meaning depends on context.
- Used with TK or Collateral.

(U) Notional Example Page:

TOP SECRET//TK//RSEN

(TS//TK//RS) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified TOP SECRET and contains TALENT KEYHOLE information handled as RISK SENSITIVE. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//TK//RSEN

(U) FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

(U) Marking Title: FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

(U) Authorized Abbreviation: FOUO

(U) Portion Marking: (FOUO)

(U) Example Banner Line: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis: Various Agencies

(U) Definition:

Intelligence Marking used for UNCLASSIFIED official government information that is withheld from public release until approved for release by the originator.

(U) Further Guidance:

Agency specific

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with UNCLASSIFIED.
- Portions of a classified document may be marked (U//FOUO) if appropriate.
- For unclassified documents which have **no** dissemination control markings, such as FOUO or PROPIN, that are transmitted over a classified system, the designation “UNCLASSIFIED” must be conspicuously placed in the banner line
- Unclassified documents that bear dissemination control markings shall be portion marked.
- It is optional to use a banner line of “UNCLASSIFIED” on hard copy documents which are UNCLASSIFIED and bear no other control markings, such as FOUO or PROPIN

(U) Notional Example Page:

UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

(U//FOUO) This is the portion marking for an UNCLASSIFIED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY portion. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

**(U) DISSEMINATION AND EXTRACTION OF
INFORMATION CONTROLLED BY ORIGINATOR**

- (U) Marking Title:** ORIGINATOR CONTROLLED
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** ORCON
- (U) Portion Marking:** (OC)
- (U) Example of Banner Line:** TOP SECRET//ORCON
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DNI / National Security Act of 1947, Section 103 (c)(5)

(U) Definition:

Used on classified intelligence that clearly identifies or reasonably permits ready identification of intelligence sources or methods that are particularly susceptible to countermeasures that would nullify or measurably reduce their effectiveness.

(U) Further Guidance:

- DCID 6/6, Section IX.B
- Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence Memo, E/S 00124, dated 14 February 2008

(U) Notes:

- Information bearing this marking may be disseminated within the headquarters and specified subordinate elements of the recipient organizations, including their contractors within government facilities.
- Information bearing this marking may be incorporated in whole or in part into other briefings or products, provided the briefing or product is presented or distributed only to original recipients of the information.
- Dissemination beyond headquarters and specified subordinate elements or to agencies other than the original recipients requires advanced permission from the originator.
- May be used only with TOP SECRET, SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL.

(U) Notional Example Page:

TOP SECRET//ORCON

(TS//OC) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified TOP SECRET DISSEMINATION AND EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION CONTROLLED BY ORIGINATOR. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//ORCON

(U) CONTROLLED IMAGERY

- (U) Marking Title:** CONTROLLED IMAGERY
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** IMCON
- (U) Portion Marking:** (IMC)
- (U) Example of Banner Line:** SECRET//CONTROLLED IMAGERY
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DNI, DCID 6/6, Section IX.C

(U//FOUO) Definition:

Controlled Imagery, or IMCON, is applied to SECRET-level Sensitive Analytical Techniques (SATs) that have been approved by the Sensitive Analytical Techniques Panel (SATP). SATs are sensitive imagery signatures that can be classified, with prior SATP approval, at either the SECRET//IMCON or TOP SECRET//TK//RSEN level. IMCON is used to protect sources and analytic methods associated with the geospatial intelligence discipline that are particularly vulnerable to countermeasures and, if disclosed or released, could nullify or measurably reduce the effectiveness of those methodologies.

(U) Further Guidance:

- NGA, Sensitive Analytical Techniques Procedural Guide, Feb 2006
- IMCON implies REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, and NZL but may be used with NOFORN when appropriate and approved by the SATP. Greater specificity can be applied if desired or required (e.g. S//IMC/REL TO USA, AUS, CAN GBR, NZL or S//IMC/NF). IMCON information is not releasable to third parties without specific approval from the originating agency and the SATP. The marking "REL TO" does not need to be applied to information that is marked IMCON. Although DCID 6/6 indicates that the IMCON notice is no longer required beyond 1 April 2002, the Imagery Policy and Security Committee (IPSCOM) approved its continued use indefinitely. For additional information on releasability and NOFORN issues, please contact the SAT Panel Chair, (202) 284-5926 or secure 813-7121.
- Imagery information bearing the IMCON restriction requires one of the following "Notice" statements:
 - "(U//FOUO) Notice: This document contains references to Sensitive Analytical Techniques (IMCON Information). Further reuse or dissemination of this information beyond USA, AUS, CAN, GBR or NZL requires written approval of the NGA Disclosure Officer, STU-III (202) 284-4325 or secure 936-1514."
 - "(U//FOUO) Notice: This document contains references to Sensitive

UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Analytical Techniques (IMCON Information). Further use or dissemination of this information beyond USA requires written approval of the NGA Disclosure Officer, STU-III (202) 284-4325 or secure 936-1514.”

(U) Notes:

- Information bearing (S//IMC) at the beginning of a paragraph may be disseminated to USA, AUS, CAN, GBR or NZL without receiving prior approval from the originating agency. Dissemination to other entities is prohibited without the prior written approval of the originating agency and the SATP. This information may be used freely in Community and Command databases and may be disseminated to US military units and Intelligence Community agencies. However, products containing IMCON information are not permitted on SECRET Networks (SIPRNET) without prior written approval by the SAT Panel Chair, (202) 284-5926 or secure 813-7121.
- Information containing both IMCON and NOFORN portions must be marked SECRET//IMCON/NOFORN
- May be used only with SECRET. However, if IMCON information were included in a document containing TOP SECRET information; the overall classification level would be TOP SECRET//IMCON.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//IMCON

(S//IMC) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET CONTROLLED IMAGERY. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//IMCON

(U) Another Notional Example Page:

TOP SECRET//IMCON/NOFORN

(S//IMC) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET CONTROLLED IMAGERY. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(TS//NF) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified TOP SECRET NOFORN. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//IMCON/NOFORN

(U) non-SCI SOURCES AND METHODS INFORMATION

- (U) Marking Title:** SOURCES AND METHODS INFORMATION
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** SAMI
- (U) Portion Marking:** (SAMI)
- (U) Example of Banner Line:** SECRET//SAMI/NOFORN
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DNI / National Security Act of 1947, Section 103 (c)(5)

(U) Definition:

Identified classified intelligence that requires supervisor-validated need-to-know prior to granting reader access, and which may not be released in any form to foreign governments, foreign nationals, foreign organizations, or non-US citizens without appropriate sanitization and release in accordance with provisions of DCID 6/7 and NDP-1.

(U) Further Guidance:

- DCID 5/6

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with TOP SECRET, SECRET, or CONFIDENTIAL.
- In certain cases, can be used with REL TO or RELIDO.
- In most cases, the SAMI marking must be removed and replaced with the appropriate REL TO [country codes] during the sanitization and release process.
- When a document contains both SAMI portions and REL TO portions, SAMI takes precedence in the banner line. In addition, NOFORN is added (most restrictive) in the banner line.
- When a document contains both SAMI and EYES ONLY portions, convert the EYES ONLY marking to REL TO. SAMI will take precedence in the banner line. In addition, NOFORN is added (most Restrictive) to the banner line.
- May be used with NOFORN markings.
- When a document contains both SAMI and SCI portions, SCI takes precedence for the markings within the banner line, because the SCI adequately protects the SAMI information.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//SAMI/NOFORN

(S//SAMI/NF) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified SECRET non-SCI SOURCES AND METHODS INFORMATION, which is Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(S//SAMI) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified SECRET non-SCI SOURCES AND METHODS INFORMATION. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//SAMI/NOFORN

(U) NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS

- (U) Marking Title:** NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** NOFORN
- (U) Portion Marking:** (NF)
- (U) Example of Banner Line:** TOP SECRET//NOFORN
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DNI / National Security Act of 1947, Section 103 (c)(5)

(U) Definition:

Identified classified intelligence that may not be released in any form to foreign governments, foreign nationals, foreign organizations, or non-US citizens without permission of the originator and in accordance with provisions of DCID 6/7 and NDP-1.

(U) Further Guidance:

- DCID 6/6, Section IX.E
- DCID 6/7
- NDP-1

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with TOP SECRET, SECRET, or CONFIDENTIAL.
- Cannot be used with REL TO [country codes], RELIDO, or EYES ONLY on page markings.
- When a document contains both NF and REL TO or NF and EYES ONLY portions, NOFORN takes precedence for the markings within the banner line.

(U) Notional Example Page:

TOP SECRET//NOFORN

(TS//NF) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified TOP SECRET NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//NOFORN

(U) Another Notional Example Page: (Uncaveated plus REL TO)

SECRET//NOFORN

(S//REL TO USA, JPN) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET Releasable to Japan. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(C) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified Confidential. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: Straight TOP SECRET, SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL portions and REL TO must roll-up to NOFORN (most restrictive). This is because a release decision has not been made for the Confidential portion and Designated Intelligence Disclosure Officials (DIDOs) cannot further disseminate the REL TO portions to other countries without originator consent for release.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//NOFORN

(U) CAUTION-PROPRIETARY INFORMATION INVOLVED

(U) Marking Title:	CAUTION-PROPRIETARY INFORMATION INVOLVED
(U) Authorized Abbreviation:	PROPIN
(U) Portion Marking:	(PR)
(U) Example of Banner Line:	CONFIDENTIAL//PROPIN
(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:	DNI / DCID 6/6, Section 1X.D

(U) Definition:

Marking used to identify information provided by a commercial firm or private source under an express or implied understanding that the information will be protected as a proprietary trade secret or proprietary data believed to have actual or potential value. This marking may be used on government proprietary information only when the government proprietary information can provide a contractor(s) an unfair advantage, such as US Government budget or financial information.

(U) Further Guidance:

- Trade Secrets Act (18 USC 1905)

(U) Notes:

- May be used with TOP SECRET, SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL or UNCLASSIFIED.
- May not be disseminated outside the Federal Government in any form without the express permission of the originator of the intelligence and provider of the proprietary information.
- Precludes dissemination to contractors irrespective of their status to, or within, the US Government without the authorization of the originator of the intelligence and provider of the information.

(U) Notional Example Page:

CONFIDENTIAL//PROPIN

(C//PR) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified CONFIDENTIAL CAUTION-PROPRIETARY INFORMATION INVOLVED. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

CONFIDENTIAL//PROPIN

(U) AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE TO

(U) Marking Title: AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE TO
[specified [ISO 3166](#) country trigraphs and/or tetragraphs from [Register, Annex A - Tetragraph Table](#)]

(U) Authorized Abbreviation: REL TO [specified [ISO 3166](#) country trigraphs and/or tetragraphs from [Register, Annex A - Tetragraph Table](#)]

(U) Portion Marking: (REL TO [specified [ISO 3166](#) country trigraphs and/or tetragraphs from [Register, Annex A - Tetragraph Table](#)])
if the portion's country trigraphs and/or tetragraph list is different from the banner line REL TO marking.

(U) Portion Marking: (REL) May be used if the portion's country trigraphs and/or tetragraph list is the same as the banner line REL TO marking.

(U) Example of Banner Line: TOP SECRET//REL TO USA , EGY, ISR

(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis: DNI / National Security Act of 1947, Section 103 (c)(5)

(U) Definition:
Identifies classified information that an originator has predetermined to be releasable or has been released, through established foreign disclosure procedures and channels, to the foreign country(ies)/international organization(s) indicated.

(U) Further Guidance:

- DCID 6/6, Section IX.F
- DCID 6/7
- NDP-1

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with TOP SECRET, SECRET, or CONFIDENTIAL.
- Cannot be used with NOFORN or EYES ONLY within the banner line.
- May be used with RELIDO.
- Further foreign dissemination of the material (in any form) is authorized only after obtaining permission from the originator and in accordance with DCID 6/7 and NDP-1.
- When a document contains both NF and REL TO portions, NOFORN takes precedence for the markings within the banner line.
- When a document contains a mixture of REL TO and EYES ONLY portions, REL TO takes precedence and common country(ies) listed. If no common country(ies), the result is NOFORN in the banner line.
- For a mixture of uncaveated portions and portions marked with REL TO, the result is NOFORN (most restrictive) in the banner line.
- When all portions are marked with REL TO and there is no common country - the result is NOFORN in the banner line.
- Countries are represented with ISO 3166 trigraphic codes. ISO 3166 country codes can be obtained from the World Wide Web.
- International organizations authorized for use with the REL TO marking are listed in the Register, Annex A - Tetragraph Table.
- When the use of "REL TO" is appropriate, must include country code "USA" as the first country code listed in the REL TO string for US documents. After USA, ISO 3166 country trigraphic codes shall be listed in alphabetical order followed by tetragraph codes listed in alphabetical order. Each code is separated by a comma and a space. USA is required to be listed first when the REL TO string is invoked for automated decision making in systems, thus ensuring transmission to US citizens who meet the criteria of any other caveats.
- Country trigraphic codes/tetragraph codes are followed by a single forward slash if more dissemination control(s) follow, or a double forward slash if Non-IC Dissemination Control Marking(s) follow. If no markings follow, then no text or separating characters follow the last country code/tetragraph code.

(U) Notional Example Page:

TOP SECRET//REL TO USA, EGY, ISR

(TS//REL) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified TOP SECRET AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE TO USA, EGYPT and ISRAEL (same as banner line). This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for

more information.

TOP SECRET//REL TO USA, EGY, ISR

(U) Another Notional Example Page: (REL TO portions with common countries)

SECRET//REL TO USA, NZL, NATO

(S//REL TO USA, JPN, NZL, NATO) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified SECRET AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE TO USA, Japan, New Zealand and NATO. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(S//REL) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified SECRET and authorized for release to USA, New Zealand and NATO. The abbreviated "REL" portion mark may be used when a portion is releasable to exactly the same list of countries/orgs as are listed in the banner line REL TO marking". This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: REL TO with an overlap in the country lists, roll-up to the most restrictive list. New Zealand and NATO appear in the banner line because these countries appear in all portions. (Japan does not have eligibility under NATO.)

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//REL TO USA, NZL, NATO

(U) Another Notional Example Page: (mixture of uncaveated and REL TO portions)

SECRET//NOFORN

(S//REL TO USA, AUS) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified SECRET AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE TO USA and Australia. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(C) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified CONFIDENTIAL. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: Straight TOP SECRET, SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL portions and REL TO must roll-up to NOFORN (most restrictive). This is because a release decision has not been made for the Confidential portion and Designated Intelligence Disclosure Officials (DIDOs) cannot further disseminate the REL TO portions to other countries without originator consent for release.

SECRET//NOFORN

**(U) RELEASABLE BY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
OFFICIAL**

(U) Marking Title:	RELEASABLE BY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE OFFICIAL
(U) Authorized Abbreviation:	RELIDO
(U) Portion Marking:	(RELIDO)
(U) Example of Banner Line:	TOP SECRET//TK//RELIDO
(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:	DNI / National Security Act of 1947, Section 103 (c)(5)

(U) Definition:

RELIDO is a dissemination marking that may be applied to intelligence information to indicate that the originator has authorized a Designated Intelligence Disclosure Officials (DIDO) to make further sharing decisions for unclassified intelligence material (intelligence with no restrictive dissemination controls) in accordance with the existing procedures in DCID 8 Policy Memo 1 and DCID 6/7.

(U) Further Guidance:

DCID 8 Series Policy Memoranda 1, dated 06/09/2005

(U) Notes:

- DNI marking for use by all IC member agencies.
- Applies to intelligence information only.
- Authorizes only DIDOs to further release material without consulting originator.
- May be used independently or with REL TO.
- Cannot be used with NOFORN.

(U) Notional Example Page:

TOP SECRET//TK//RELIDO

(TS//TK//RELIDO) This is the portion marking for a portion that is classified TOP SECRET and contains TALENT KEYHOLE information that the originator has determined is RELEASABLE BY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE OFFICIAL. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//TK//RELIDO

(U) Another Notional Example Page:

SECRET//RELIDO

(S//RELIDO) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET which the originator has determined is RELEASABLE BY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE OFFICIAL. This marking has exactly the same effect as uncaveated secret, but explicitly states that a DIDO may release the material. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(S//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN/RELIDO) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET in which the originator has made a release decision for the listed countries.

(U) Note: RELIDO indicates that the originator has authorized DIDOs to make further sharing decisions in accordance with the existing procedures for uncaveated intelligence material. Redaction of the "REL TO" designators by the DIDO may be required before the material is released in accordance with existing guidance. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The reason the RELIDO marking is carried forward to the overall classification is because it is stated throughout all portions. Australia and Canada cannot be applied to the overall classification of the document, because a positive release decision has not been made for portion 1. NOFORN would not be added because RELIDO removes the limited exception to NOFORN in portions 1 and 2. The overall classification still allows further release by a DIDO IAW existing sharing guidelines.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//RELIDO

(U) RESTRICTED DATA

- (U) Marking Title:** RESTRICTED DATA
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** RD
- (U) Portion Marking:** (RD)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET//RESTRICTED DATA
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DoE / Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, Sections 141-143

(U) Definition:

All data concerning:

- Design, manufacture, or utilization of nuclear weapons.
- The production of special nuclear material.
- The use of special nuclear material for production of energy. The term-restricted data does not include information declassified or removed from the restricted data category pursuant to section 142 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

(U) Further Guidance:

- 10 CFR 1045

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with TOP SECRET, SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL
- DoE manages government wide RD and FRD classification and declassification system.
- E.O. 12958, as amended, does not apply to RD and FRD.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//RESTRICTED DATA

(S//RD) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET RESTRICTED DATA. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) All RD information is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended, marking requirements. RD information does not carry a classification authority block. If RD portions are contained in a classified intelligence document, then the authority block applies only to the classified intelligence portions.

SECRET//RESTRICTED DATA

(U) -CRITICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON DESIGN INFORMATION

- (U) Marking Title:** -CRITICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON DESIGN INFORMATION
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** -CNWDI
- (U) Portion Marking:** (-CNWDI)
- (U) Example of Banner Line:** SECRET//RD-CNWDI
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DoD / Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, Sections 141-143

(U) Definition:

That TOP SECRET or SECRET Restricted Data (RD) information revealing the theory of operation or design of the components of a fission or thermonuclear bomb, warhead, demolition munitions, or test device. Specifically excluded are the following: information concerning arming, fusing, and firing systems; limited-life components; and total contained quantities of fissionable, fusionable, and high-explosive materials by type. Among these excluded items are the components which DoD personnel set, maintain, operate, test, or replace.

(U) Further Guidance:

- DoD 5200.1-R
- DoD 5210.2

(U) Notes:

- Subset of RD or FRD
- May be used only with TOP SECRET or SECRET.
- May only be used with RD or FRD.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//RD-CNWDI

(S//RD-CNWDI) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA CRITICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON DESIGN INFORMATION. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) All RD information is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended, marking requirements. RD information does not carry a classification authority block. If RD portions are contained in a classified intelligence document, then the authority block applies only to the classified intelligence portions.

SECRET//RD-CNWDI

(U) -SIGMA [#]

- (U) Marking Title:** -SIGMA [#]
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (-SG [#])
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET//RD-SIGMA 2
- (U) Example Banner Line with multiple SIGMAs:** SECRET//RD-SIGMA 2-SIGMA 4-SIGMA 5
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DoE / Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, Sections 141-143

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:

- DoE 5610.2

(U) Notes:

- Subset of RD or FRD
- May be used only with TOP SECRET, SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL.
- May be used only with RD or FRD.
- # represents the SIGMA number which may be between 1 and 99.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//RESTRICTED DATA-SIGMA 2

(S//RD-SG 2) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA, SIGMA 2. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) All RD information is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended, marking requirements. RD information does not carry a classification authority block. If RD portions are contained in a classified intelligence document, then the authority block applies only to the classified intelligence portions.

SECRET//RESTRICTED DATA-SIGMA 2

(U) FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA

- (U) Marking Title:** FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** FRD
- (U) Portion Marking:** (FRD)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET//FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DoE and DoD / Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, Sections 141-143

(U) Definition:

Information removed from the Restricted Data category upon a joint determination by the Departments of Energy and Defense that such information relates primarily to the military utilization of atomic weapons and that such information can be safeguarded adequately as classified defense information.

(U) Further Guidance:

- E.O. 12958, as amended, does not apply to RD and FRD. 10 CFR 1045

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with TOP SECRET, SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL.
- DoE manages government wide RD and FRD classification and declassification system.
- DoD/DoE have joint responsibility for identifying and declassifying FRD.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA

(S//FRD) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) All FRD information is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended, marking requirements. FRD information does not carry a classification authority block. If FRD portions are contained in a classified intelligence document, then the authority block applies only to the classified intelligence portions.

SECRET//FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA

(U) -CRITICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON DESIGN INFORMATION

- (U) Marking Title:** -CRITICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON DESIGN INFORMATION
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** -CNWDI
- (U) Portion Marking:** (-CNWDI)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET//FRD-CNWDI
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DoD / Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, Sections 141-143

(U) Definition:

The Restricted Data or Formerly Restricted Data revealing the theory of operation or design of the components of a thermo-nuclear or implosion-type fission bomb, warhead, demolition munition or test device. Specifically excluded is information concerning arming, fusing, and firing systems; limited life components; and total contained quantities of fissionable, fusionable and HE materials by type.

(U) Further Guidance:

- DoD 5200.1-R
- DoD 5210.2

(U) Notes:

- Subset of RD or FRD
- May be used only with TOP SECRET or SECRET.
- May only be used with RD or FRD.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//FRD-CNWDI

(S//FRD-CNWDI) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA CRITICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON DESIGN INFORMATION. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) All FRD information is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended, marking requirements. FRD information does not carry a classification authority block. If FRD portions are contained in a classified intelligence document, then the authority block applies only to the classified intelligence portions.

SECRET//FRD-CNWDI

(U) -SIGMA [#]

- (U) Marking Title:** -SIGMA [#]
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (-SG [#])
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET//FRD-SIGMA 2
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DoE / Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, Sections 141-143

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:

- DoE 5610.2

(U) Notes:

- Subset of RD or FRD
- May be used only with TOP SECRET, SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL.
- May be used only with RD or FRD.
- # represents the SIGMA number which may be between 1 and 99.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA-SIGMA 4

(S//FRD-SG 4) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA, SIGMA 4. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) All FRD information is exempt from E.O. 12958, as amended, marking requirements. FRD information does not carry a classification authority block. If FRD portions are contained in a classified intelligence document, then the authority block applies only to the classified intelligence portions.

SECRET//FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA-SIGMA 4

(U) DOD or DOE CONTROLLED NUCLEAR INFORMATION

- (U) Marking Title:** DOD or DOE CONTROLLED NUCLEAR INFORMATION
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** DOD UCNI *or* DOE UCNI
- (U) Portion Marking:** (DCNI) or (ECNI)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** UNCLASSIFIED//DOD UCNI
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DoD and DoE / Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended

(U) Definitions:

- DOD UCNI is unclassified information on security measures for the physical protection of DoD Special Nuclear Material (SNM), equipment or facilities. Material is designated as DOD UCNI only when it is determined that its unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to have a significant adverse effect on the health and safety of the public or the common defense and security by increasing significantly the likelihood of the illegal production of nuclear weapons or the theft, diversion or sabotage of DoD SNM, equipment or facilities.
- DOE UCNI is unclassified facility design information, operational information concerning the production, processing or utilization of nuclear materials for atomic energy defense programs, safeguards and security information, nuclear material, and declassified controlled nuclear weapon information previously classified as Restricted Data.

(U) Further Guidance

- DoD 5210.83
- DoE 471.1

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with UNCLASSIFIED.
- Specific physical protection and access requirements apply.
- The UCNI marking must not be applied to classified matter that contains UCNI.

(U) Notional Example page:

UNCLASSIFIED//DOD CONTROLLED NUCLEAR INFORMATION

(U//DCNI) This is the portion marking for an UNCLASSIFIED DOD CONTROLLED NUCLEAR INFORMATION portion. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

UNCLASSIFIED//DOD CONTROLLED NUCLEAR INFORMATION

(U) USA/ _____ EYES ONLY

(U) Marking Title: USA/[Country Trigraphs] EYES ONLY

(U) Authorized Abbreviation: None

(U) Portion Marking: (EYES) Note: Countries do not need to be listed unless they are different from the countries listed in the EYES ONLY statement within the header and footer. If countries are different, the portion marking has the same format as the page marking listed above (i.e., USA /[country trigraphs] EYES ONLY).

(U) Example Banner Line: SECRET//USA/CAN/GBR EYES ONLY

(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis: NSA/CSS Classification Manual 1-52

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:
None

(U) Notes:

- **May be used on electrical SIGINT reporting only.**
- May only be used with TOP SECRET, SECRET and CONFIDENTIAL.
- Used with one or more Second Party [ISO 3166](#) trigraphic country codes. ISO 3166 country codes can be found on the World Wide Web.
- Country trigraphs are separated by single forward slashes (USA first, others in alphabetical order).
- Cannot be used with NOFORN or REL TO.
- Can be used with RELIDO.
- When a document contains both NF and EYES ONLY portions, NOFORN takes precedence in the banner line.
- When extracting EYES ONLY portions from SIGINT reporting, convert the EYES ONLY portion markings to REL TO.
- REL TO [common countries listed] takes precedence in the banner line.
- If there are no common countries listed for the REL TO and EYES ONLY portions, NOFORN will be used.

(U) Notional Example Page:

TOP SECRET//USA/CAN/GBR EYES ONLY

(TS//EYES) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified TOP SECRET USA /CAN/GBR EYES ONLY. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//USA/CAN/GBR EYES ONLY

(U) FRONTO

- (U) Marking Title:** FRONTO
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (FRONTO)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET//FRONTO
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** NSA / SP0005

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:

Contact NSA

(U) Notes:

- Requires TOP SECRET or SECRET.
- May be used with COMINT.
- Dissemination determined by SP0005.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//FRONTO

(S//FRONTO) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET FRONTO. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//FRONTO

(U) KEYRUT

- (U) Marking Title:** KEYRUT
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (KEYRUT)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET//KEYRUT
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** NSA / SP0005

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:

Contact NSA

(U) Notes:

- Requires TOP SECRET or SECRET.
- May be used with COMINT.
- Dissemination determined by SP0005.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//KEYRUT

(S//KEYRUT) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET KEYRUT. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//KEYRUT

(U) SEABOOT

- (U) Marking Title:** SEABOOT
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (SEABOOT)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET//SEABOOT
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** NSA / SP0005

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:

Contact NSA

(U) Notes:

- Requires TOP SECRET or SECRET.
- May be used with COMINT.
- Dissemination determined by SP0005.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//SEABOOT

(S//SEABOOT) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET SEABOOT. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//SEABOOT

(U) SETTEE

- (U) Marking Title:** SETTEE
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (SETTEE)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET//SETTEE
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** NSA / SP0005

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:

Contact NSA

(U) Notes:

- Requires TOP SECRET or SECRET.
- May be used with COMINT.
- Dissemination determined by SP0005.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//SETTEE

(S//SETTEE) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET SETTEE. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//SETTEE

(U) DEA SENSITIVE

- (U) Marking Title:** DEA SENSITIVE
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (DSEN)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** UNCLASSIFIED//DEA SENSITIVE
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET//NOFORN/DEA SENSITIVE
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DEA / Planning and Inspection Manual, Chapter 86

(U) Definition:

Unclassified information originated by DEA that requires protection against unauthorized disclosure to protect sources and methods of investigative activity, evidence, and the integrity of pretrial investigative reports.

(U) Further Guidance:

None

(U) NOTES:

- Maybe used only with UNCLASSIFIED.
- Use separate portions for DSEN in a classified document and include in the overall classification marking string.

(U) Notional Example of Unclassified page:

UNCLASSIFIED//DEA SENSITIVE

(U//DSEN) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified UNCLASSIFIED DEA SENSITIVE. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

UNCLASSIFIED//DEA SENSITIVE

(U) Notional Example of a classified page:

SECRET//NOFORN/DEA SENSITIVE

(U//DSEN) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified UNCLASSIFIED DEA SENSITIVE. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(S//NF) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET NOFORN. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//NOFORN//DEA SENSITIVE

(U) FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT

- (U) Marking Title:** FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** FISA
- (U) Portion Marking:** (FISA)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** TOP SECRET//FISA
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DNI / US Code: Title 50, Chapter 36

(U) Definition:

(U) Further guidance:

- Contact originating agency or local security/legal office for specific guidance.

(U) NOTES:

- Denotes the presence of FISA material in the document.
- This is an informational marking only to highlight FISA content and does not eliminate or alter the requirement to carry a FISA warning as required by law or organizational procedures.
- Applicable FISA Warning(s) are to be collocated with the FISA information within the body of the document; however, due to formatting constraints of some electronically generated documents, the FISA Warning may appear in the header or footer of the document.

(U) Notional Example Page:

TOP SECRET//FISA

[Applicable FISA Warning]

(TS//FISA) This is the portion marking for a TOP SECRET FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT portion. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//FISA

10. (U) Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control Markings

(U) General Information

(U) Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control markings are markings authorized for use by entities outside of the Intelligence Community.

(U) Multiple entries may be used in the Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control Markings category if applicable. If multiple entries are used, they are listed in the order in which they appear in the Register and this Manual. Use a single forward slash as the separator between multiple Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control Markings entries.

(U) The following Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control Markings and their respective Marking Sponsor(s) are listed in the order as they appear in the Register:

(U) DoD:

- [SPECIAL CATEGORY](#)

(U) Various Agencies:

- [SENSITIVE INFORMATION](#)

(U) NGA:

- [LIMITED DISTRIBUTION](#)

(U) DoS:

- [EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTION](#)
- [NO DISTRIBUTION](#)
- [SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED](#)
- [SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED NOFORN](#)

(U) NOTE: Some of the Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control Markings are restricted for use by certain Agencies. They are included in the Register to provide guidance on handling documents that bear them. Their inclusion in the Register does not authorize other Agencies to use these markings.

(U) SPECIAL CATEGORY

- (U) Marking Title:** SPECIAL CATEGORY
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** SPECAT
- (U) Portion Marking:** (SC)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** TOP SECRET//SPECAT
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DoD / Joint Staff Information Services Center (JSISC) "Message Management & Preparation Handbook" (CJCSM 5720.01B)

(U) Definition:

(U) Further Guidance:
None

Notes:

- May be used only with TOP SECRET, SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL.
- The Special Category name shall be placed in the first text line of the document or message.

(U) Notional Example Page:

TOP SECRET//SPECAT

(TS//SC) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified TOP SECRET SPECIAL CATEGORY. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

TOP SECRET//SPECAT

(U) SENSITIVE INFORMATION

- (U) Marking Title:** SENSITIVE INFORMATION
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** None
- (U) Portion Marking:** (SINFO)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** UNCLASSIFIED//SENSITIVE INFORMATION
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** Public Law 100-235

(U) Definition:

Sensitive information means any information, the loss, misuse, or unauthorized access to or modification of which could adversely affect the national interest or the conduct of Federal programs, or the privacy to which individuals are entitled under section 552a of title 5, United States Code (the Privacy Act), but which has not been specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order or an Act of Congress to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy.

(U) Further Guidance:

- Computer Security Act of 1987, Sec 3, Para 2(d)(4)

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with UNCLASSIFIED.

(U) Notional Example Page:

UNCLASSIFIED//SENSITIVE INFORMATION

(U//SINFO) This is the portion marking for a portion that is UNCLASSIFIED SENSITIVE INFORMATION. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

UNCLASSIFIED//SENSITIVE INFORMATION

(U) LIMITED DISTRIBUTION

- (U) Marking Title:** LIMITED DISTRIBUTION
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** LIMDIS
- (U) Portion Marking:** (DS)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** UNCLASSIFIED//LIMITED DISTRIBUTION
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** NGA / 10 USC, Section 455

(U) Definition:

Marking used to identify unclassified geospatial products and data sets, which the Secretary of Defense may withhold from public release.

(U) Further Guidance:

- NGA GIPS, Chapter 2

(U) Notes:

- LIMDIS data may not be disseminated outside DoD or DoD contractor control without the express permission of a NGA Release Officer.
- May only be used with UNCLASSIFIED.

(U) LIMDIS geospatial data must be marked with the following caveat:

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION

Distribution authorized to DoD, IAW 10 U.S.C. §§130 & 455. Release authorized to U.S. DoD contractors IAW 48 C.F.R §252.245-7000. Refer other requests to: Headquarters, NGA, ATTN: Release Officer, Mail Stop D-120, 4600 Sangamore Road, Bethesda, MD 20816-5003. Destroy IAW DoD 5030.59. Removal of this caveat is prohibited.

(U) Notional Example Page:

UNCLASSIFIED//LIMITED DISTRIBUTION

(U//DS) This is the portion marking for a portion that is UNCLASSIFIED LIMITED DISTRIBUTION. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Distribution authorized to DoD, IAW 10 U.S.C. §§130 & 455. Release authorized to U.S. DoD contractors IAW 48 C.F.R §252.245-7000. Refer other requests to: Headquarters, NGA, ATTN: Release Officer, Mail Stop D-120, 4600 Sangamore Road, Bethesda, MD 20816-5003. Destroy IAW DoD 5030.59. Removal of this caveat is prohibited.

UNCLASSIFIED//LIMITED DISTRIBUTION

(U) EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTION

- (U) Marking Title:** EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTION
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** EXDIS
- (U) Portion Marking:** (XD)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET//EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTION
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DoS / 5 FAH-2 Sec. H-443

(U) Definition:

Information with exclusive distribution to officers with essential need-to-know. This caption is used only for highly sensitive traffic between the White House, the Secretary, Deputy, or Under Secretaries of State and Chiefs of Missions.

(U) Further Guidance:

None

(U) Notes:

- Used with classified or administratively controlled information.
- Documents bearing this special distribution caption shall be treated as NOFORN.
- EXDIS and NODIS markings cannot be used together. Only one or the other may be used on a document.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//EXDIS

(S//XD) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTION. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//EXDIS

(U) NO DISTRIBUTION

- (U) Marking Title:** NO DISTRIBUTION
- (U) Authorized Abbreviation:** NODIS
- (U) Portion Marking:** (ND)
- (U) Example Banner Line:** SECRET//NO DISTRIBUTION
- (U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis:** DoS / 5 FAH-2 Sec. H-442.3

(U) Definition:

This caption is used only on messages of the highest sensitivity between the President, the Secretary of State, and Chief of Mission. No distribution is allowed other than the addressee without the approval of the Executive Secretary.

(U) Notes:

- Used with classified or administratively controlled information.
- Documents bearing this special distribution caption shall be treated as NOFORN.
- NODIS and EXDIS markings cannot be used together. Only one or the other may be used on a document.
- NODIS has priority over EXDIS.

(U) Notional Example Page:

SECRET//NODIS

(S//ND) This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET NO DISTRIBUTION. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

(U) Note: The classification authority block is required on all US classified information. See the [ISOO Marking Booklets](#) and [Section 2 of this Manual](#) for more information.

SECRET//NODIS

(U) SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

(U) Marking Title: SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

(U) Authorized Abbreviation: SBU

(U) Portion Marking: (SBU)

(U) Example Banner Line: UNCLASSIFIED//SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis: DoS / 12 FAM, Sec. 540

(U) Definition:

Administrative information originated within the Department of State, which warrants a degree of protection and administrative control and meets criteria for exemption from mandatory public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act

(U) Further Guidance:

None

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with UNCLASSIFIED.
- When a document contains both SBU and FOUO portions, FOUO takes precedence in the banner line.

(U) Notional Example Page:

UNCLASSIFIED//SBU

(U//SBU) This is the portion marking for a portion that is SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

UNCLASSIFIED//SBU

(U) SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED NOFORN

(U) Marking Title: SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED NOFORN

(U) Authorized Abbreviation: SBU NOFORN

(U) Portion Marking: (SBU-NF)

(U) Example Banner Line: UNCLASSIFIED//SBU NOFORN

(U) Marking Sponsor/Policy Basis: DoS / 12 FAM, Sec 540

(U) Definition:

Information originated within the Department of State that warrants a degree of protection and administrative control, meets criteria for exemption from mandatory public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, and is prohibited for dissemination to non-US citizens.

(U) Further Guidance:

None

(U) Notes:

- May be used only with UNCLASSIFIED.
- REL TO is not authorized in the banner line if any portion contains SBU NOFORN information

(U) Notional Example Page:

UNCLASSIFIED//SBU NOFORN

(U//SBU-NF) This is the portion marking for a portion that is SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED NOFORN. This portion is marked for training purposes only.

UNCLASSIFIED//SBU NOFORN

11. (U) Legacy Markings

(U) Banner Line and Portion Marking

(Table is UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO)

Marking Title	Authorized Abbreviation	Authorized Portion Marking	Replaced By	Rescinded By/Date	Handling Instructions
Non-US Classification Markings					
//NATO SECRET-SAVATE	None	((//NS-S)	None	MC101/11 (Final) 09 Dec 2005	
//NATO SECRET-AVICULA	None	((//NS-A)	None	MC101/11 (Final) 09 Dec 2005	
SCI Control System Markings					
BYEMAN	BYE	(BYE)	TK	DCI memo/ 10 Jan 2005	The BYEMAN control system was retired on 20 May 2005. The word BYEMAN is unclassified. The trigraph BYE is unclassified. All previous data protected in the BYE control system, except BYE Special Handling, will be protected in the TALENT-KEYHOLE Control System. BYE Special Handling is now protected in compartments in the new NRO control system "RESERVE." For more information view http://www.byeretirement.ic.gov .
HUMINT			HCS	Upon publication of Register	Previously the term "HUMINT" was registered as the

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				Version 31 Oct 2006	marking title for the HUMINT control system. Since then, there has been confusion between collateral "HUMINT" and "HUMINT" in the SCI category. When creating new documents, if "HUMINT" is present in the SCI category, change to "HCS".
Dissemination Control Markings					
LACONIC	None	(LAC)	New ECI		
Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control Markings					
SINGLE INTEGRATED OPERATIONAL PLAN-EXTREMELY SENSITIVE INFORMATION	SIOP-ESI	(SIOP)	NC2-ESI	CJCSI 3231.01B / 1 Oct 06	Refer to CJCSI 3231.01B, dated 21 Jun 06

(U) Note: The Declassification Value has been eliminated from the Banner Line. Refer to the Banner Syntax History section below for more details.

(U) Classification Authority Block

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Marking	Abbreviation	Replaced By	Rescinded By/Date	Handling Instructions
10 Year Exemption	X1 through X8	None	ISOO Dir. 1 Sections. 2001.12(e) and 2001.22(d) (2)(i) (Source documents cannot be dated on or after 22 Sep 2003)	Refer to ISOO DIR.1, ISOO Marking Booklet, October 2007, and ISOO Marking Booklet, May 2005 for handling instructions.
Originating Agency's Determination Required	OADR	None	1.) ISOO Dir. 1 Sections. 2001.12(e), 2001.22(d)(i) (Source documents cannot be dated after 14 Oct 1995)	Refer to ISOO DIR.1, ISOO Marking Booklet, October 2007, and ISOO Marking Booklet, May 2005 for handling instructions.

12. (U) Banner Syntax History

(U) The following changes to the banner line syntax have been made since inception of the standard:

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Effective Date	Change Description	Handling Instructions
October 2003	Moved the Special Access Required (SAR) marking from the Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control Markings category to a new category called Special Access Program Markings. The new category follows the existing SCI Control Markings category.	Remarking of legacy documents is not required.
July 2005	Changed the separators from commas to a single forward slash for multiple Dissemination Control Markings and the Non-Intelligence Community Dissemination Control Markings categories. For the "REL TO" marking, the lower case "and" was eliminated as the indicator for the end of a country code and/or tetragraph code list.	Remarking of legacy documents is not required.
February 2008	<p>Eliminated the Declassification Value category in the Banner Line per DD, CAPCO memo, dated 22 January 2008. This action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Made the Manual Review (MR) marking obsolete – MR is no longer a valid marking on classified documents and was never an authorized value for the classification authority block. ▪ Eliminates the need to link a declassification value in the banner line to the "Declassify On" line in the classification authority block as required by ISOO Dir. 1. ▪ Makes proper use of the "Declassify On" line even more critical as this value reflects applicable declassification review and exemption information. 	<p>Remarking of legacy documents is not required.</p> <p>Does not eliminate or rescind ISOO's requirement for a "Declassify On" value in the classification authority block on the first page of each classified document, regardless of media.</p>

13. (U) Miscellaneous Banner Line Marking Examples

(U) Basic Example:

CONFIDENTIAL

(U) Multiple SCI Examples:

TOP SECRET//COMINT-GAMMA/TALENT KEYHOLE//RISK SENSITIVE/ORIGINATOR CONTROLLED

Or abbreviated as: TOP SECRET//SI-G/TK//RSEN/ORCON

(U) HCS Example:

TOP SECRET//HCS//NOFORN

(U) Multiple SCI and SAP Examples:

TOP SECRET//HCS/TALENT KEYHOLE//SPECIAL ACCESS REQUIRED-BUTTER POPCORN//NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS

Or abbreviated as: TOP SECRET//HCS/TK//SAR-BP//NOFORN

(U) ECI Examples:

TOP SECRET//SI-ECI XYZ//NOFORN

TOP SECRET//SI-ECI ABC//REL TO USA, AUS, GBR

TOP SECRET//SI-ECI LMN

TOP SECRET//SI-ECI QRS//REL TO USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL

(U) Multiple ECI Example:

TOP SECRET//SI-ECI ABC-ECI EFG-ECI XYZ

(U) Multiple COMINT Sub-Control Systems Example:

TOP SECRET//SI-G-ECI ABC//ORCON

(U) Non-US Examples:

//COSMIC TOP SECRET-BOHEMIA

//DEU SECRET

(U) JOINT Classification Example:

//JOINT SECRET CAN GBR USA

(U) FGI Examples:

TOP SECRET//FGI DEU GBR

SECRET//TK//FGI//NOFORN

SECRET//FGI

(U) Notional Unpublished SCI control systems AUNPUB (ABC) and XUNPUB (XYZ) along with SI and TK:

TOP SECRET//AUNPUB/XUNPUB/COMINT/TALENT KEYHOLE

Or abbreviated as: TOP SECRET//ABC/XYZ/SI/TK

(U) DEA Examples:

SECRET//NOFORN/DEA SENSITIVE

UNCLASSIFIED//DEA SENSITIVE

(U) RELIDO Examples:

SECRET//RELIDO

SECRET//REL TO USA, DEU/RELIDO

(U) REL TO Examples:

SECRET//REL TO USA, AUS, NZL

SECRET//RSEN/REL TO USA, AUS, GBR