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Subpart A—Policy

§ 159a.1 Purpose.

Information of the Department of Defense relating to national security shall be protected against unauthorized disclosure as long as required by national security considerations. This part establishes a system for classification, downgrading and declassification of information; sets forth policies and procedures to safeguard such information; and provides for oversight and administrative sanctions for violations.

§ 159a.2 Applicability.

This part governs the DoD Information Security Program and takes precedence over all DoD Component regulations that implement that Program. Under 32 CFR part 159, E.O. 12356, and Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) Directive No. 1, it establishes, for the Department of Defense, uniform policies, standards, criteria, and procedures for the security classification, downgrading, declassification, and safeguarding of information that is owned by, produced for or by, or under the control of the Department of Defense or its Components.

§ 159a.3 Nongovernment operations.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of this part that are relevant to operations of nongovernment personnel entrusted with classified information shall be made applicable