

(c) *Dissemination of classification guides.* Classification guides shall be disseminated as widely as necessary to ensure the proper and uniform derivative classification of information.

(d) *Reviewing and updating classification guides.* (1) Classification guides, including guides created under prior orders, shall be reviewed and updated as circumstances require, but, in any event, at least once every five years. Updated instructions for guides first created under prior orders shall comply with the requirements of the Order and this part.

(2) Originators of classification guides are encouraged to consult the users of guides for input when reviewing or updating guides. Also, users of classification guides are encouraged to notify the originator of the guide when they acquire information that suggests the need for change in the instructions contained in the guide.

Subpart B—Identification and Markings

§ 2001.20 General [1.7].

A uniform security classification system requires that standard markings be applied to classified information. Except in extraordinary circumstances, or as approved by the Director of ISOO, the marking of classified information created after October 14, 1995, shall not deviate from the following prescribed formats. If markings cannot be affixed to specific classified information or materials, the originator shall provide holders or recipients of the information with written instructions for protecting the information. Markings shall be uniformly and conspicuously applied to leave no doubt about the classified status of the information, the level of protection required, and the duration of classification.

§ 2001.21 Original classification [1.7(a)].

(a) *Primary markings.* On the face of each originally classified document, including electronic media, the classifier shall apply the following markings.

(1) *Classification authority.* The name or personal identifier, and position title of the original classifier shall ap-

pear on the “Classified By” line. An example might appear as:

Classified By: David Smith, Chief, Division 5
or
Classified By: ID# IMN01, Chief, Division 5

(2) *Agency and office of origin.* If not otherwise evident, the agency and office of origin shall be identified and placed below the name on the “Classified By” line. An example might appear as:

Classified By: David Smith, Chief, Division 5
Department of Good Works, Office of Administration

(3) *Reason for classification.* The original classifier shall identify the reason(s) for the decision to classify. The classifier shall include, at a minimum, a brief reference to the pertinent classification category(ies), or the number 1.5 plus the letter(s) that corresponds to that classification category in section 1.5 of the Order.

(i) These categories, as they appear in the Order, are as follows:

- (a) military plans, weapons, or operations;
- (b) foreign government information;
- (c) intelligence activities (including special activities), intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology;
- (d) foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources;
- (e) scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to the national security;
- (f) United States Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities; or
- (g) vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, projects or plans relating to the national security.

(ii) An example might appear as:

Classified By: David Smith, Chief, Division 5,
Department of Good Works, Office of Administration
Reason: Vulnerabilities or capabilities of plans relating to the national security or
Reason: 1.5(g)

(iii) When the reason for classification is not apparent from the content of the information, e.g., classification by compilation, the classifier shall provide a more detailed explanation of the reason for classification.

(4) *Declassification instructions.* The duration of the original classification