

§ 7.3 Definitions.

The terms defined or used in Executive Order 12958, as amended, and the implementing directives in 32 CFR parts 2001 and 2004, are applicable to this part.

Subpart A—Administration**§ 7.10 Authority of the Chief Security Officer, Office of Security.**

(a) The DHS Chief Security Officer (hereafter “Chief Security Officer”) is designated as the Senior Agency Official as required by section 5.4(d) of Executive Order 12958, as amended, and, except as specifically provided elsewhere in this part, is authorized to administer the DHS Classified National Security Information program pursuant to Executive Order 12958, as amended.

(b) The Chief Security Officer shall, among other actions:

(1) Oversee and administer the DHS’s program established under Executive Order 12958, as amended;

(2) Promulgate implementing regulations;

(3) Establish and maintain Department-wide security education and training programs;

(4) Establish and maintain an ongoing self-inspection program including the periodic review and assessment of the DHS’s classified product;

(5) Establish procedures to prevent unnecessary access to classified information, including procedures that:

(i) Require that a need for access to classified information is established before initiating administrative procedures to grant access; and

(ii) Ensure that the number of persons granted access to classified information is limited to the minimum necessary for operational and security requirements and needs;

(6) Develop special contingency plans for the safeguarding of classified information used in or near hostile or potentially hostile areas;

(7) Coordinate with the DHS Chief Human Capital Officer, as appropriate to ensure that the performance contract or other system used to rate personnel performance includes the management of classified information as a

critical element or item to be evaluated in the rating of:

(i) Original classification authorities;

(ii) Security managers or security specialists; and

(iii) All other personnel whose duties significantly involve the creation or handling of classified information;

(8) Account for the costs associated with implementing this part and report the cost to the Director of ISOO;

(9) Assign in a prompt manner personnel to respond to any request, appeal, challenge, complaint, or suggestion concerning Executive Order 12958, as amended, that pertains to classified information that originated in a DHS component that no longer exists and for which there is no clear successor in function;

(10) Report violations, take corrective measures and assess appropriate sanctions as warranted, in accordance with Executive Order 12958, as amended;

(11) Oversee DHS participation in special access programs authorized under Executive Order 12958, as amended;

(12) Direct and administer DHS’s personnel security program in accordance with Executive Order 12968 and other applicable law;

(13) Direct and administer DHS implementation and compliance with the National Industrial Security Program in accordance with Executive Order 12829 and other applicable guidance; and

(14) Perform any other duties as the Secretary may designate.

(c) The Chief Security Officer shall maintain a current list of all officials authorized pursuant to this part to originally classify or declassify documents.

§ 7.11 Components’ responsibilities.

Each DHS component shall appoint a security officer or security liaison to implement this part. the security officer/security liaison shall:

(a) Implement, observe, and enforce security regulations or procedures within their component with respect to the classification, declassification, safeguarding, handling, and storage of classified national security information;