§ 503.55 Derivative classification.

(a) In accordance with Part 2 of Executive Order 12958 and directives of the Information Security Oversight Office, the incorporation, paraphrasing, restating or generation in new form of information that is already classified, and the marking of newly developed material consistent with the classification markings that apply to the source information, is derivative classification.

(1) Derivative classification includes the classification of information based on classification guidance.

(2) The duplication or reproduction of existing classified information is not derivative classification.

(b) Members or employees applying derivative classification markings shall:

(1) Observe and respect original classification decisions; and

(2) Carry forward to any newly created documents the pertinent classification markings.

(3) For information derivatively classified based on multiple sources, the Member or employee shall carry forward:

(i) The date or event for declassification that corresponds to the longest period of classification among the sources; and

(ii) A listing of these sources on or attached to the official file or record copy.


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§ 503.56 General declassification and downgrading policy.

(a) The Commission exercises declassification and downgrading authority in accordance with section 3.1 of Executive Order 12958, only over that information originally classified by the Commission under previous Executive orders. Declassification and downgrading authority may be exercised by the Commission Chairman and the Commission Security Officer, and such others as the Chairman may designate. Commission personnel may not declassify information originally classified by other agencies.

(b) The Commission does not now have original classification authority nor does it have in its possession any documents that it originally classified when it had such authority. The Commission has authorized the Archivist of the United States to automatically declassify information originally classified by the Commission and under its exclusive and final declassification jurisdiction at the end of 20 years from the date of original classification.

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§ 503.57 Mandatory review for declassification.

(a) Information originally classified by the Commission but which has not been automatically declassified shall be subject to a review for declassification by the Commission, if:

(1) A declassification request is made; and

(2) A request describes the documents or material containing the information with sufficient specificity to enable the Commission to locate it with a reasonable amount of effort. Requests with insufficient description of the material will be returned to the requester for further information.

(b) Requests for mandatory declassification reviews of documents originally classified by the Commission shall be in writing, and shall be sent to the Security Officer, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

(c) If the request requires the provision of services by the Commission, fair and equitable fees may be charged pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701.

(d) Requests for mandatory declassification reviews shall be acknowledged by the Commission within 15 days of the date of receipt of such requests.

(e) If the information was originally classified by the Commission, the Commission Security Officer shall forward the request to the Chairman of the Commission for a determination of declassification. If the information was originated by another agency, the Commission Security Officer shall refer the review and the pertinent records to the originating agency. The