

(4) The information reveals vulnerability or capability data, the unauthorized disclosure of which can reasonably be expected to render ineffective a system, installation, or project important to the national security;

(5) The information concerns plans important to the national security, the unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably can be expected to nullify the effectiveness of the plan;

(6) The information concerns specific foreign relations matters, the continued protection of which is essential to the national security;

(7) The continued protection of the information is specifically required by statute.

(c) Even when the extension of authority is exercised, the period of original classification shall not be greater than twenty years from the date of original classification, except that the original classification of “foreign government information” pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of this section may be for a period of thirty years.

§ 2008.7 Challenges to classification.

If holders of classified information believe that the information is improperly or unnecessarily classified, or that original classification has been extended for too long a period, they should discuss the matter with their immediate superiors or the classifier of the information. If these discussions do not satisfy the concerns of the challenger, the matter should be brought to the attention of the chairperson of the Information Security Oversight Committee. Action on such challenges shall be taken 30 days from date of receipt and the challenger shall be notified of the results. When requested, anonymity of the challenger shall be preserved.

Subpart C—Derivative Classification

§ 2008.8 Definition and application.

Derivative classification is the act of assigning a level of classification to information that is determined to be the same in substance as information that is currently classified. Thus, derivative classification may be accomplished by any person cleared for access to that level of information, regardless of

whether the person has original classification authority at that level.

§ 2008.9 Classification guides.

Classification guides shall be issued by the Management Office pursuant to section 2-2 of the order. These guides, which shall be used to direct derivative classification, shall identify the information to be protected in specific and uniform terms so that the information involved can be identified readily.

Subpart D—Declassification and Downgrading

§ 2008.10 Declassification authority.

The Special Representative for Trade Negotiations is authorized to declassify documents in accordance with section 3-3 of Executive Order 12065 and shall designate additional officials at the lowest practicable level to exercise declassification and downgrading authority.

§ 2008.11 Mandatory review for declassification.

(a) *Requests for mandatory review.* (1) Requests for mandatory review for declassification under section 3-501 of Executive Order 12065 must be in writing and should be addressed to:

Attn.: General Counsel (Mandatory Review Request), Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, 1800 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

(2) The requestor shall be informed of the date of receipt of the request. This date will be the basis for the time limits specified in paragraph (b) of this section.

(3) If the request does not reasonably describe the information sought, the requestor shall be notified that, unless additional information is provided or the request is made more specific, no further action will be taken.

(b) *Review.* (1) The requestor shall be informed of the Special Trade Representative’s determination within sixty days of receipt of the initial request.

(2) If the determination is to withhold some or all of the material requested, the requestor may appeal the determination. The requestor shall be informed that such an appeal must be

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made in writing within sixty days of receipt of the denial and should be addressed to the chairperson of the Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations Classification Review Committee.

(3) The requestor shall be informed of the appellate determination within thirty days of receipt of the appeal.

(c) *Fees.* (1) Fees for the location and reproduction of information that is the subject of a mandatory review request shall be assessed according to the following schedule:

(i) *Search for records:* \$5.00 per hour when the search is conducted by a clerical employee; \$8.00 per hour when the search is conducted by a professional employee. No fee shall be assessed for searches of less than one hour.

(ii) *Reproduction of documents:* Documents will be reproduced at a rate of \$.25 per page for all copying of four pages or more. No fee shall be assessed for reproducing documents that are three pages or less, or for the first three pages of longer documents.

(2) When fees chargeable under this section will amount to more than \$25, and the requestor has not indicated in advance a willingness to pay fees higher than that amount, the requestor shall be promptly notified of the amount of the anticipated fee or such portion thereof as can readily be estimated. In instances where the estimated fees will greatly exceed \$25, an advance deposit may be required. Dispatch of such a notice or request shall suspend the running of the period for response by the Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations until a reply is received from the requestor.

(3) Remittances shall be in the form either of a personal check or bank draft drawn on a bank in the United States, or a postal money order. Remittances shall be made payable to U.S. Treasurer and mailed to the Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, 1800 G St., NW., Washington, DC.

(4) A receipt for fees paid will be given only upon request. No refund of fees paid for services actually rendered will be made.

(5) The Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations may

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waive all or part of any fee provided for in this section when it is deemed to be in the interest of either the Agency or the general public.

§ 2008.12 Foreign government information.

The Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations shall, in consultation with the Archivist and in accordance with the provisions of section 3–404 of Executive Order 12065, develop systematic review guidelines for review of foreign government information for declassification thirty years from the date of original classification.

§ 2008.13 Systematic review guidelines.

Within 180 days after the effective date of the order, the Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations shall, after consultation with the Archivist of the United States and review by the Information Security Oversight Office, issue and maintain guidelines for systematic review of classified information originated by the Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations twenty years from the date of original classification. These guidelines shall state specific limited categories of information which, because of their national security sensitivity, should not be declassified automatically but should be reviewed item-by-item to determine whether continued protection beyond twenty years is needed. Information not identified in these guidelines as requiring review and for which a prior automatic declassification date has not been established shall be declassified automatically twenty years from the date of original classification.

Subpart E—Safeguards

§ 2008.14 Storage.

The Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations shall store all classified material in accordance with ISOO Directive of October 5, 1978 (43 FR 46281).

§ 2008.15 General restrictions on access.

Access to classified information shall be restricted as required by section 4–1 of Executive Order 12065.