

## §7.11

(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) Overseeing 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:

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(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;

(b) Report violations of the provisions of this regulation to the Chief Security Officer committed by employees of their component, as required;

(c) Ensure that employees of their component acquire adequate security education and training, as required by the DHS classified information security procedures;

(d) Continuously review the requirements for personnel access to classified information as a part of the continuous need-to-know evaluation, and initiate action to administratively withdraw or reduce the level of access authorized, as appropriate; and

(e) Cooperate fully with any request from the Chief Security Officer for assistance in the implementation of this part.

### §7.12 Violations of classified information requirements.

(a) Any person who suspects or has knowledge of a violation of this part, including the known or suspected loss or compromise of classified information, shall promptly report such violations or possible violations, pursuant to requirements set forth in DHS directives.

(b) DHS employees and detailees may be reprimanded, suspended without pay, terminated from classification authority, suspended from or denied access to classified information, or subject to other sanctions in accordance with applicable law and DHS regulations or directives if they:

(1) Knowingly, willfully, or negligently disclose to unauthorized persons information properly classified under Executive Order 12958, as amended, or its predecessor orders;

(2) Knowingly, willfully, or negligently classify or continue the classification of information in violation of Executive Order 12958, as amended, or its implementing directives; or

(3) Knowingly, willfully, or negligently violate any other provision of