



ISOO Notice 2024-02: Agencies Eligible to Receive Referrals from Automatic Declassification at 25, 50, and 75 Years

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The following agencies have received approval from the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP) to exempt specific information from automatic declassification and may receive referrals¹ resulting from automatic declassification reviews. Each agency is only authorized to use the exemptions listed in the respective tables below. In accordance with section 3.3(d)(3) of Executive Order 13526, “Classified National Security Information” (the “Order”), these agencies should not be sent referrals for information that they are not authorized to exempt.

- Central Intelligence Agency (CIA):

CIA	25X:	25X1	25X2	25X3		25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:	50X1	50X2	50X3		50X6	50X7	50X8	50X9
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD						
	75X:	75X1	75X2			75X6			

- Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA):

DIA	25X:	25X1	25X2	25X3		25X6		25X8	25X9
	50X:	50X1				50X6		50X8	50X9
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD						
	75X:								

- Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA):

DISA	25X:	25X1	25X2	25X3	25X4		25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:	50X1			50X4			50X7		
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

¹ Referrals are one agency requesting another agency to review, for declassification, the latter agency’s information that is included in the former agency’s document.

- Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA):

DTRA	25X:		25X2		25X4	25X5		25X7	25X8	
	50X:		50X2		50X4				50X8	
	HUM/WMD:		50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- Department of the Air Force (Air Force):

Air Force	25X:	25X1	25X2		25X4	25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:	50X1	50X2	50X3	50X4	50X5	50X6		50X8	50X9
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- Department of the Army (Army):

Army	25X:	25X1	25X2	25X3	25X4	25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:	50X1	50X2		50X4	50X5	50X6		50X8	
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- Department of Energy (DOE):

DOE	25X:	25X1	25X2		25X4		25X6		25X8	25X9
	50X:		50X2		50X4					50X9
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- Department of Homeland Security, only for the following two component organizations:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

FEMA	25X:								25X8	
	50X:								50X8	
	HUM/WMD:									
	75X:									

- United States Secret Service (USSS):

USSS	25X:	25X1				25X6	25X7	25X8		
	50X:						50X7			
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM								
	75X:						75X7			

- Department of Justice (DOJ), including the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
(Note: The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is listed separately later):

DOJ (including DEA)	25X:	25X1					25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:									
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM								
	75X:									

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI):

FBI	25X:	25X1		25X3			25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:	50X1	50X2				50X6			
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- Department of the Navy (Navy):

Navy	25X:	25X1	25X2	25X3	25X4	25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:	50X1	50X2	50X3	50X4	50X5	50X6	50X7	50X8	
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- Department of State (State):

State	25X:	25X1	25X2				25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:						50X6			50X9
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM								
	75X:									

- Department of the Treasury (Treasury), only for the following two component organizations:

- Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP):

Treasury: BEP	25X:								25X8	
	50X:									
	HUM/WMD:									
	75X:									

- United States Mint:

Treasury: Mint	25X:								25X8	
	50X:								50X8	
	HUM/WMD:									
	75X:								75X8	

- Joint Staff, and the following Combatant Commands (each listed separately):

Joint Staff	25X:	25X1	25X2		25X4	25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	
	50X:					50X5		50X7	50X8	
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- United States Central Command (CENTCOM):

CENTCOM	25X:	25X1	25X2	25X3	25X4	25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:					50X5				
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- United States European Command (EUCOM):

EUCOM	25X:	25X1	25X2	25X3	25X4	25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:					50X5				
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM)/North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD):

NORAD/ NORTHCOM	25X:	25X1	25X2	25X3	25X4	25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:					50X5				
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- United States Pacific Command (PACOM):

PACOM	25X:	25X1	25X2	25X3	25X4	25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:					50X5				
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM):

SOUTHCOM	25X:	25X1	25X2	25X3	25X4	25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:					50X5				
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- United States Strategic Command (STRATCOM):

STRATCOM	25X:	25X1	25X2	25X3	25X4	25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	
	50X:					50X5				
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- United States Transportation Command (TRANSCOM):

TRANSCOM	25X:	25X1				25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:					50X5				
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- Missile Defense Agency (MDA):

MDA	25X:	25X1	25X2	25X3	25X4		25X6			
	50X:									
	HUM/WMD:									
	75X:									

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA):

NASA	25X:			25X3	25X4				25X8	
	50X:				50X4					
	HUM/WMD:									
	75X:									

- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA):

NGA	25X:	25X1				25X6				
	50X:	50X1				50X6				50X9
	HUM/WMD:									
	75X:									

- National Reconnaissance Office (NRO):

NRO	25X:	25X1	25X2	25X3	25X4	25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:	50X1	50X2	50X3	50X4	50X5	50X6	50X7	50X8	50X9
	HUM/WMD:									
	75X:									

- Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC):

NRC	25X:							25X8	25X9
	50X:							50X8	50X9
	HUM/WMD:								
	75X:							75X8	

- National Security Agency (NSA):

NSA	25X:	25X1		25X3		25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:	50X1		50X3		50X6	50X7	50X8	50X9
	HUM/WMD:								
	75X:	75X1		75X3		75X6	75X7		

- National Security Council (NSC):

NSC	25X:	25X1	25X2		25X4	25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:	50X1					50X6	50X7		
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:									

- Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD):

OSD	25X:	25X1	25X2		25X4	25X5	25X6	25X7	25X8	25X9
	50X:	50X1	50X2		50X4	50X5	50X6	50X7	50X8	50X9
	HUM/WMD:	50X1-HUM	50X2-WMD							
	75X:		75X2			75X5	75X6	75X7	75X8	75X9

The agencies listed in the table above are the only agencies eligible to receive referrals for classified national security information that is older than 25 years old.

When reviewing records containing information created by another agency, the reviewing agency should only refer information to the originating agency if the originating agency is authorized to exempt that category of information. All referrals must meet the standards in section 3.3(d)(3) of the Order. Agencies should consult existing waivers and the receiving agency's declassification guide prior to referring.

25X Exemptions: Only agencies designated above as having ISCAP-approved 25X exemptions may receive declassification referrals for specific information contained in records subject to automatic declassification at 25 years.

50X Exemptions: Only agencies designated above as having ISCAP-approved 50X exemptions may receive referrals for specific information contained in records between 45 and 70 years of age.

50X1-HUM and 50X2-WMD Exemptions: Information properly identified as information revealing the identity of a confidential human source or human intelligence source (50X1-HUM) or revealing key design concepts of weapons of mass destruction (50X2-WMD) is exempt from automatic declassification at 50 years. To exempt this information under these categories, it must fall within the specific limitations in section 3.3(h) of the Order. Agencies that have not notified ISCAP of their intent to use these exemptions should refer this information to the agency with the appropriate expertise to make this determination. Depending on the origins of the information, the CIA, DIA, and FBI are most often the primary agencies to consult regarding 50X1-HUM. Similarly, the DOE is the primary agency to consult regarding nuclear 50X2-WMD and the Army is the primary agency to consult regarding chemical or biological 50X2-WMD.

75X Exemptions: Only agencies designated above as having ISCAP-approved 75X exemptions may receive referrals for specific information contained in records 70 years of age or older.

Background: Sections 3.3(b) and (h) of the Order allow agency heads to exempt specific information from automatic declassification at 25, 50, and 75 years. Section 3.3(j) of the Order requires the agency head or senior agency official to seek ISCAP approval for such exemptions at least one year prior to the onset of automatic declassification and specifies the requirements to obtain this approval. 32 CFR 2001.32 instructs agencies on the preparation and content of declassification guides and on the process for submitting guides to the ISCAP for approval.

During the declassification guide review process of the ISCAP, agencies are required to justify each information element proposed for exemption from automatic declassification at each milestone by describing the damage to national security that would occur if the information were to be prematurely declassified. The criteria for the exemption of information become more restrictive for 50X and 75X exemptions, which must be differentiated from 25X exemptions.

As stated earlier, agencies are reminded that section 3.3(d)(3) of the Order requires that only records containing classified information that can reasonably be expected to fall into an exemption detailed in the receiving agency's ISCAP approved declassification guide may be referred to that agency.

Additionally, section 3.7(b)(3) of the Order requires that agencies exchange detailed declassification guidance with each other under the coordination of the National Declassification Center to enable the proper identification and referral of information.

Identifying that a Declassification Guide is the ISCAP Approved Version: It is a reviewer's responsibility to confirm the declassification guide they are using is the ISCAP approved version. To facilitate this, below is a list of the dates of each agency's ISCAP approved declassification guide:

Agency	Approved Declassification Guide Date:
Air Force	4/30/2019
Army	3/17/2023
CIA	12/3/2018
DIA	12/3/2018
DISA	12/3/2018
DOE	9/6/2018
DOJ	12/3/2018
DTRA	7/24/2019
FBI	5/15/2019
FEMA	May 2019
Joint Staff	April 2019
●CENTCOM	3/20/2019
●EUCOM	3/20/2019
●NORAD/NORTHCOM	3/20/2019
●PACOM	3/20/2019
●SOUTHCOM	3/20/2019
●STRATCOM	3/20/2019
●TRANSCOM	3/20/2019
MDA	9/6/2018
NASA	12/3/2018
Navy	12/3/2018
NGA	January 2020
NRC	November 2023
NRO	12/3/2018
NSA	12/3/2018
NSC	9/6/2018
OSD	1/27/2023
State	12/3/2018
Treasury	12/3/2018
USSS	May 2019

This ISOO Notice cancels ISOO Notice 2019-01, “Agencies Eligible to Receive Referrals from Automatic Declassification at 25, 50, and 75 Years.”

This ISOO Notice was corrected on February 29, 2024, to accurately reflect the exemptions approved for the Joint Staff.

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