
2. Cancellation. ONIINST 5510.12


4. Discussion

   a. EO 12958, as amended, prescribes a uniform system for classifying, safeguarding, and declassifying national security
information, including information relating to defense against transnational terrorism. It describes two classification processes: original classification and derivative classification. The standards set forth in EO 12958, as amended, state that information shall be declassified as soon as it no longer meets the standards for classification. The revised language maintains 10 years as the norm for most original classification actions. However, an original classification authority has four choices:

1. Date or event.
2. Ten years from the date of origin.
3. A timeframe between 10 years and less than 25 years.
4. Twenty-five years from the date of origin.

b. EO 12958, as amended, details proper procedures for marking and safeguarding classified information and establishes processes for classification challenges, self-inspection programs, and oversight of special access programs.

5. Responsibility. EO 12958, as amended, increases personal accountability for the management of classification, thus classification management is added as a critical element for evaluation during performance reviews of employees who handle and create classified information. All Office of Naval Intelligence personnel who handle and create classified information are responsible for complying with EO 12958, as amended, and ensuring information considered for classification, declassification, or related action is treated in accordance with the guidance provided by references (a) and (b).

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