



Department of Defense **INSTRUCTION**

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USD(I&S)

SUBJECT: National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) LIMITED DISTRIBUTION
Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT)

References: See Enclosure 1

1. **PURPOSE.** In accordance with the authority in DoD Directive (DoDD) 5143.01 (Reference (a)), this instruction reissues DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5030.59 (Reference (b)) to establish DoD policies and assign responsibilities pursuant to sections 454 and 455 of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.) (Reference (c)) for the use, availability, and withholding of GEOINT that is:

- a. Designated for LIMITED DISTRIBUTION.
- b. Distributed by, created by, or derived from NGA information and data.
- c. In the possession of, or under the control of, the DoD.

2. **APPLICABILITY.** This instruction applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to collectively in this instruction as the "DoD Components").

3. **POLICY.** It is DoD policy that:

- a. Any unclassified GEOINT produced by NGA and its predecessor organizations or derived from NGA materials in the possession of, or under the control of the DoD, may be withheld from public release pursuant to section 455 of Reference (c) if that unclassified GEOINT:

- (1) Was obtained or produced, or contains information that was provided, pursuant to an international agreement that restricts disclosure of such product or information to government

officials of the agreeing parties or that restricts use of such product or information to DoD or government purposes only;

(2) Contains information that the Secretary of Defense has determined in writing would, if disclosed, reveal sources and methods, or capabilities, used to obtain source material for production of GEOINT; or

(3) Contains information that the Director, NGA, has determined in writing would, if disclosed, jeopardize or interfere with ongoing military or intelligence operations; reveal military operational or contingency plans; or reveal, jeopardize, or compromise military or intelligence capabilities.

b. All unclassified GEOINT produced by NGA and its predecessor organizations or derived from NGA information and data that meets the criteria in paragraph 3a must be marked as LIMITED DISTRIBUTION and use such additional markings as established by the Director, NGA, with Director of National Intelligence guidance for intelligence community marking in accordance with Intelligence Community Directive 710 (Reference (d)). The Director, NGA, will determine if any other GEOINT under the control and possession of the DoD warrants similar protection.

c. NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT will be provided for official purposes only to the DoD Components, the Intelligence Community (IC), and to authorized DoD contractors who require the products for use in the performance of DoD contracts in accordance with parts 245.107-70 and 252.245-7000 of Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations (Reference (e)).

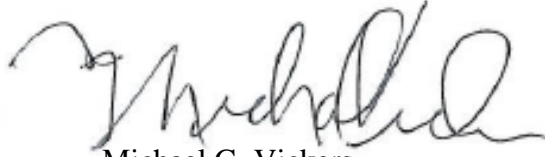
d. LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT is to be destroyed in a manner that prevents its reconstruction in accordance with DoDI 5200.48 (Reference (f)).

4. RESPONSIBILITIES. See Enclosure 2.

5. RELEASABILITY. **Cleared for public release.** This instruction is available on the Directives Division Website at <https://www.esd.whs.mil/DD/>.

6. SUMMARY OF CHANGE 2. This administrative change updates the title of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security in accordance with Public Law 116-92 (Reference (g)).

7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This instruction is effective March 10, 2015.

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Michael G. Vickers
Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence

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ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES

- (a) DoD Directive 5143.01, “Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security (USD(I&S)),” October 24, 2014, as amended
- (b) DoD Instruction 5030.59, “National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) LIMITED DISTRIBUTION Geospatial Intelligence,” December 7, 2006 (hereby cancelled)
- (c) Title 10, United States Code
- (d) Intelligence Community Directive 710, “Classification Management and Control Markings System,” June 21, 2013
- (e) Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations
- (f) DoD Instruction 5200.48, “Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI),” March 6, 2020
- (g) Public Law 116-92, “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020,” December 20, 2019
- (h) DoD Directive 5105.60, “National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA),” July 29, 2009
- (i) DoD Instruction 5330.03, “International Agreements,” December 4, 2019
- (j) DoD Instruction 2040.02, “International Transfers of Technology, Articles, and Services,” March 27, 2014, as amended
- (k) Defense Security Cooperation Agency Manual 5105.38-M, “Security Assistance Management Manual (SAMM),” April 30, 2012, as amended¹
- (l) DoD Manual 5400.07, “DoD Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Program,” January 25, 2017
- (m) Section 552 of Title 5, United States Code

¹ This manual is available online at <http://www.samm.dsca.mil/>

ENCLOSURE 2

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY (USD(I&S)). The USD(I&S) oversees the DoD responsibilities in sections 454 and 455 of Reference (c).

2. DIRECTOR, NGA. Under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(I&S), and in accordance with DoDD 5105.60 (Reference (h)), the Director, NGA:
 - a. Manages NGA-produced or derived unclassified GEOINT that requires limited or controlled use and distribution pursuant to section 3a above the signature of this issuance, and that is properly identified, marked, and controlled as LIMITED DISTRIBUTION.

 - b. Develops procedures and guidelines to manage the use and distribution of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT for the use of the LIMITED DISTRIBUTION marking, and that is consistent throughout the DoD, non-DoD members of the IC, and other Federal Government departments and agencies.

 - c. Controls the use, distribution, and disposal of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT in accordance with Reference (f), and interagency or international agreements in accordance with DoDI 5530.03 (Reference (i)).

 - d. Protects intelligence sources and methods used in the production of NGA-produced or derived unclassified GEOINT, to include those marked as LIMITED DISTRIBUTION, from unauthorized disclosure.

 - e. Releases or withholds NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT from public sale and public release pursuant to section 455 of Reference (c) and in accordance with Reference (f).

 - f. In support of national security objectives, to include homeland security and homeland defense, authorizes provision of LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT to other Federal Government departments and agencies. Receipt and use by those departments or agencies will be conditioned on their acceptance of release restrictions and other terms or conditions described when GEOINT is provided.

 - g. Provides LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT to U.S. allies and foreign governments in accordance with applicable treaties or pursuant to an agreement for the production or exchange of such products pursuant to section 454 of Reference (c) and DoDI 2040.02 (Reference (j)).

h. Coordinates with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)) on any intended use and distribution of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT outside of the DoD and the IC.

i. Approves the use and distribution of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT in security assistance activities, including agreements, sales, or transfers involving mission planning systems, terrain simulation systems or weapon systems, and other transactions and activities under the direction of the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) in accordance with DCSA Manual 5105.38-M (Reference (k)).

3. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION, TECHNOLOGY, AND LOGISTICS (USD(AT&L)). The USD(AT&L):

a. Establishes acquisition guidance and procedures that protect NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT when it is part of a DoD contract, cooperative agreement, cooperative research and development agreement, or grant.

b. Reviews DoD procurements and agreements that pertain to the use of unclassified NGA GEOINT, to include those marked as LIMITED DISTRIBUTION, for compliance with parts 245.107-70 and 252.245-7000 of Reference (e).

4. USD(P). The USD(P):

a. Provides for the use and distribution of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT in the development and negotiation of international agreements and treaties in accordance with Reference (i) and this instruction.

b. Coordinates with the Director, NGA, on any intended use and distribution of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT outside the DoD and the IC.

c. Provides DoD policy oversight to obtain Director, NGA, coordination and written approval on the use and distribution of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT in security assistance activities.

5. DIRECTOR, DSCA. Under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(P), the Director, DSCA, obtains Director, NGA, coordination and written approval on the use and distribution of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT in security assistance activities related to agreements, sales, or transfers involving mission planning systems, terrain simulation systems or weapon systems, and other transactions and activities in accordance with Reference (k).

6. DOD COMPONENT HEADS. The DoD Component heads:

a. Identify, mark, and handle any LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT, and any derived products, in a manner consistent with this instruction and References (d) and (f).

b. Get express written approval from the Director, NGA, for any release, dissemination, or use of LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT, and any derived products, outside the DoD and to other Federal Government departments and agencies, excluding the IC.

Unclassified e-mail: NDRO@NGA.MIL

Secret Internet Protocol Router Network email: NDRO@NGA.SMIL.MIL

Joint Worldwide Intelligence Community System email: NDRO@NGA.IC.GOV

Mail: Headquarters, NGA, ATTN: Disclosure and Release Office, Mail Stop S-82-OIAD, 7500 Geoint Drive, Springfield, VA 22180-75000.

c. Establish procedures consistent with this instruction for the withholding of LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT and any derived products from unauthorized use and public release.

d. Do not publicly release unclassified GEOINT marked LIMITED DISTRIBUTION pursuant to DoD Manual 5400.07 (Reference (l)) or section 552 of Title 5, U.S.C. (Reference (m)). Refer all such requests to the NGA Freedom of Information Act Office.

e. For all DoD Component procurements and agreements that include the use of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT, prohibit:

(1) Reproduction of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT without carrying over the LIMITED DISTRIBUTION handling caveat.

(2) Processing or transmission of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT on unencrypted or unsecured systems accessible by the public such as the World Wide Web in accordance with Reference (f).

(3) Storage of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT on systems accessible by contractors or other individuals who are not directly working on a DoD contract and who do not require such access in the conduct of official business.

(4) NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT from being released, accessed, or sold to foreign governments or international organizations without the express written approval of the Director, NGA.

f. Establish procedures to comply with parts 245.107-70 and 252.245-7000 of Reference (e) for DoD Component procurements and agreements, which include the use of unclassified NGA GEOINT, to include those marked as LIMITED DISTRIBUTION.

g. Obtain the express written approval of the Director, NGA, for the use of LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT and any derived products before entering into any foreign security assistance transaction or arrangement, or transfer or loan of any weapon or weapons system that:

- (1) Uses such material;
- (2) Is intended to be used in mission planning systems; or
- (3) Is sold to foreign partners through foreign military sales in accordance with Chapter 4 of Reference (k).

7. CJCS. In addition to the responsibilities in section 6 of this enclosure, the CJCS responds to the Director, NGA's, request for an opinion on whether specific unclassified information, if disclosed, would jeopardize or interfere with ongoing military or intelligence operations; reveal military operational or contingency plans; or reveal, jeopardize, or compromise military or intelligence capabilities.

GLOSSARY

PART I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

CJCS	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
DoDD	DoD directive
DoDI	DoD instruction
DSCA	Defense Security Cooperation Agency
GEOINT	geospatial intelligence
IC	Intelligence Community
NGA	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
U.S.C.	United States Code
USD(AT&L)	Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics
USD(I&S)	Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security
USD(P)	Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

PART II. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise noted, these terms and their definitions are for the purposes of this instruction.

GEOINT. Defined in Reference (h).

LIMITED DISTRIBUTION. A handling caveat and marking to indicate that distribution of certain unclassified GEOINT is limited to the DoD and authorized DoD contractors in accordance with section 455 of Reference (c) and parts 245.107-70 and 252.245-7000 of Reference (e).