

## ASSIGNING DISTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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### STATEMENT A: Public Release

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This statement will not be used on classified technical information or information containing export-controlled technical information.

This statement may not be used on technical information that was formerly classified or designated as CUI unless such information is approved for public release as described in Paragraph 3.2 [of [DoDI 5230.24](#)].

### STATEMENT B: To U.S. Government Agencies Only

**Distribution Statement B. Distribution authorized to U.S. Government agencies [category] [date of determination]. Other requests for this document must be referred to President, Code 261, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, 93943-5000 <<or sponsor, as appropriate>> via the Defense Technical Information Center, 8725 John J. Kingman Rd., STE 0944, Ft. Belvoir, VA, 22060.**

This statement can apply to classified, CUI, and unclassified technical information. Reasons for assigning statement B include:

**CTI (Controlled Technical Information):** Technical information with military or space application that is subject to controls on access, use, reproduction, modification, performance, display, release, disclosure, or distribution.



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**Export Controlled:** To protect information subject to the provisions of [DoDD 5230.25](#), Withholding of Unclassified Technical Data from Public Disclosure.

**Foreign Government Information:** To protect and limit distribution in accordance with the desires of the foreign government that furnished the technical information.

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This statement can apply to classified, CUI, and unclassified technical information. Reasons for statement D include:

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Critical Technology	Same as distribution statement B
Export Controlled	Same as distribution statement B
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CTI	Same as distribution statement B
Contractor Performance Evaluation	Same as distribution statement B
Critical Technology	Same as distribution statement B
Direct Military Support	Same as distribution statement B
Export Controlled	Same as distribution statement B
Foreign Government Information	Same as distribution statement B
International Agreements	Same as distribution statement B
Operations Security	Same as distribution statement B
Patents and Inventions	Same as distribution statement B
Proprietary Business Information	Same as distribution statement B
Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)	Same as distribution statement B
Software Documentation	Same as distribution statement B
Test and Evaluation	Same as distribution statement B
Vulnerability Information	Same as distribution statement B

## STATEMENT F: Used Under Rare and Exceptional Circumstances

**Distribution Statement F. Further distribution only as directed by President, Code 261, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, 93943-5000 <<or sponsor, as appropriate>> [date of determination] or higher DoD authority.**

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- (1) This statement can apply to classified, CUI, and unclassified technical information.
- (2) The controlling DoD office or a higher authority must be consulted before the material can be distributed. Use of this distribution statement cannot override distribution designated in Federal law, regulation, or U.S. Government–wide policy. [DoDI 5230.24](#), January 10, 2023  
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- (3) To promote the free flow of information within the DoD, Distribution Statement F will not be used on classified, CUI, or unclassified scientific or technical information governed by the DoD scientific and technical information program described in [DoDI 3200.12](#).
- (4) Other technical information (e.g., technical manuals and orders, weapons, munitions documents) may be assigned Distribution Statement F, provided it will be reviewed on a 5-year cycle to consider a wider secondary distribution audience.
- (5) The controlling DoD office must respond within 30 days to a request for release of technical information marked with Distribution Statement F. If the controlling DoD office agrees or there



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WARNING - This document contains technical data whose export is restricted by the Arms Export Control Act (Section 2751 of Title 22, United States Code) or the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (Chapter 58 Sections 4801-4852 of Title 50, United States Code). Violations of these export laws are subject to severe criminal penalties. Disseminate in accordance with provisions of DoD Directive 5230.25 and DoD Instruction 2040.02.

When it is technically not feasible to use the entire statement, an abbreviated marking may be used, and a copy of the full statement added to the "Notice To Accompany Release of Export Controlled Data" required by [DoD Directive 5230.25](#).

## **HANDLING AND DESTROYING CUI DOCUMENTS ([DoDI 5200.48](#))**

Guidance for destroying CUI documents and materials is provided in this issuance, the CUI Registry, and ISOO Notice 2019-03. CUI documents and materials will be formally reviewed in accordance with Paragraphs 4.5.a. and 4.5.b. before approved disposition authorities are applied, including destruction. Media containing CUI must include decontrolling indicators. a. Record and non-record copies of CUI documents will be disposed of in accordance with Chapter 33 of Title 44, U.S.C. and the DoD Components' records management directives. When destroying CUI, including in electronic form, agencies must do so in a manner making it unreadable, indecipherable, and irrecoverable. If the law, regulation, or government-wide policy specifies a method of destruction, agencies must use the method prescribed. b. Record and non-record CUI documents may be destroyed by means approved for destroying classified information or by any other means making it unreadable, indecipherable, and unrecoverable the original information such as those identified in NIST SP 800-88 and in accordance with Section 2002.14 of Title 32, CFR.



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**Table 1. Distribution Statements and Their Corresponding Categories for Use**

DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A. Approved for public release: distribution is unlimited.						
DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT B. Distribution authorized to U.S. Government agencies [category] [date of determination]. Other requests for this document must be referred to [controlling DoD office].						
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DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT E. Distribution authorized to DoD Components only [category] [date of determination]. Other requests for this document must be referred to [controlling DoD office].						
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REL TO. Information has been predetermined by the DoD controlling agency, in accordance with established foreign disclosure policies, to be releasable through established foreign disclosure procedures and channels, to the foreign country and international organization indicated.						
	CATEGORY	A	B	C	D	E
	PUBLIC RELEASE	X				
	CTI		X	X	X	X
	CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION		X			X
	CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY		X	X	X	X
	DIRECT MILITARY SUPPORT					X
	EXPORT CONTROLLED		X	X	X	X
	FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INFORMATION		X	X	X	X
	IAs		X	X	X	X
	OPERATIONS SECURITY		X			X
	PATENTS AND INVENTIONS		X			X
	PROPRIETARY BUSINESS INFORMATION		X			X
	SBIR		X			X
	SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION		X	X	X	X
	TEST AND EVALUATION		X			X
	VULNERABILITY INFORMATION		X	X	X	X

