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

- References:
- (a) DoD Directive 5030.59, "National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) LIMITED DISTRIBUTION Imagery or Geospatial Information and Data," May 13, 2003 (hereby canceled)
  - (b) Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "DoD Directives Review - Phase II," July 13, 2005
  - (c) DoD Directive 5143.01 "Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USD(I))," November 23, 2005
  - (d) Section 455 of title 10, United States Code
  - (e) through (l), see Enclosure 1

## 1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Instruction:

1.1. Reissues Reference (a) as a DoD Instruction according to the guidance in Reference (b) and the authority in Reference (c). It updates DoD policies and assigns responsibilities according to Reference (d) and DoD Directive 5105.60 (Reference (e)) for the use, availability, and withholding of LIMITED DISTRIBUTION Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) distributed by, created by, or derived from NGA information and data in the possession of, or under the control of, the Department of Defense.

1.2. Authorizes the issuance of further guidance according to Reference (e).

## 2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Instruction:

2.1. Applies to the Office of Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of 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 in the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the “DoD Components”).

2.2. Does not apply to handheld or clandestine photography taken by or on behalf of human intelligence collection organizations.

### 3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. GEOINT. The exploitation and analysis of imagery and geospatial information to describe, assess, and visually depict features and geographically referenced activities on the earth. GEOINT consists of imagery, imagery intelligence, and geospatial information.

3.2. Imagery. For the purpose of this Instruction, imagery is a likeness or presentation of any natural or manmade feature or related object or activity and the positional data acquired at the same time the likeness or representation was acquired, including: products produced by space-based national intelligence reconnaissance systems and likenesses or presentations produced by satellites, airborne platforms, unmanned aerial vehicles, or other similar means. The term does not include handheld or clandestine photography taken by or on behalf of human intelligence collection organizations.

3.3. Imagery Intelligence. For the purpose of this Instruction, the technical, geographic, and intelligence information derived through the interpretation or analysis of imagery and collateral materials.

3.4. LIMITED DISTRIBUTION. A handling caveat and marking to indicate distribution of certain UNCLASSIFIED GEOINT is limited to the Department of Defense and authorized DoD contractors according to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement (Reference (f)).

### 4. POLICY

It is DoD policy that:

4.1. 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 Department of Defense, may be withheld from public release according to Reference (d) if that UNCLASSIFIED GEOINT:

4.1.1. Were obtained or produced or contain information that was provided pursuant to an international agreement that restricts disclosure of such information to Government officials of the agreeing parties or that restricts use of such information for DoD or government purposes only.

4.1.2. Contain information that the Secretary of Defense has stated in writing would, if disclosed, reveal sources and methods or capabilities used to obtain source material for production of GEOINT.

4.1.3. Contain written information that the Director of NGA has stated 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.

4.2. All GEOINT produced by NGA and its predecessor organizations or derived from NGA information and data, and not otherwise classified, which meet the criteria set forth in section 4.1. shall be marked as LIMITED DISTRIBUTION and such additional markings as established by the Director of NGA. The Director of NGA shall determine if any other GEOINT under the control and possession of the Department of Defense warrant similar protection.

4.3. NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT shall be provided for official purposes only to the DoD Components and to authorize DoD contractors who require such products for use in the performance of DoD contracts according to sections 252.245-7000 and 245.310-70 of Reference (f).

4.4. LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT is to be destroyed in such a manner as to prevent its reconstruction according to DoD 5400.7-R and DoD 5200.1-R (References (g) and (h)).

## 5. RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USD(I)) shall implement the DoD responsibilities in Reference (d).

5.2. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics shall:

5.2.1. Develop acquisition policies and procedures that protect NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT from public release when it is part of a DoD contract, cooperative agreement, cooperative research and development agreement, or grant.

5.2.2. Review for compliance with sections 252.245-7000 and 245.310-70 of Reference (f) all DoD procurements and agreements, which include the use of UNCLASSIFIED NGA GEOINT, to include those marked as LIMITED DISTRIBUTION.

5.3. The Under Secretary of Defense for Policy shall:

5.3.1. Provide for the use and distribution of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT in the development and negotiation of international agreements and treaties (see DoD Directive 5530.3 (Reference (i))), according to this Instruction.

5.3.2. Coordinate with the Director of NGA on any intended use and distribution of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT outside the Department of Defense.

5.3.3. Implement policies to obtain the Director of NGA's coordination and express written approval on 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 according to DoD 5105.38-M (Reference (j)).

5.4. The Director of NGA, under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(I), shall:

5.4.1. Manage NGA-produced or derived UNCLASSIFIED GEOINT that requires limited or controlled use and distribution pursuant to section 4.1., and that is properly identified, marked, and controlled as LIMITED DISTRIBUTION.

5.4.2. Develop procedures and guidelines, in coordination with USD(I), to manage the use and distribution of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT that is in compliance with References (d) and (e), for the use of the LIMITED DISTRIBUTION marking, and that is consistent throughout the Department of Defense, non-DoD members of the Intelligence Community, and other Federal Government Departments and Agencies.

5.4.3. Provide for controlled use, distribution, and disposal of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT consistent with DoD security requirements (see Reference (h)) and interagency or international agreements according to Reference (j).

5.4.4. Protect 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.

5.4.5. Release or withhold NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT from public sale and public release according to References (d), (e), and (h).

5.4.6. In support of national security objectives, to include homeland security and homeland defense, authorize provision of LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT to non-DoD members of the Intelligence Community and to other Federal Government Departments and Agencies. Receipt and use by those Departments or Agencies shall be conditioned on their acceptance of release restrictions and other terms or conditions described when GEOINT is provided.

5.4.7. Provide LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT to U.S. allies and foreign governments according to applicable treaties or pursuant to an agreement for the production or exchange of such products according to section 454 of title 10, United States Code (Reference (k)).

5.4.8. Determine if any GEOINT under the control and possession of the Department of Defense and not meeting the criteria set forth in section 4.1. warrants similar protection as that marked LIMITED DISTRIBUTION.

5.4.9. Coordinate with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy on any intended use and distribution of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT outside of the Department of Defense.

5.4.10. Approve 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 (Reference (j)).

5.5. The Heads of the DoD Components shall:

5.5.1. Identify, mark, and handle any LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT, and any derived products, in a manner consistent with this Instruction and Reference (h).

5.5.2. Obtain express written approval from the Director of NGA for any release, dissemination, or use of LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT, and any derived products, outside the Department of Defense, to include non-DoD members of the Intelligence Community and to other Federal Government Departments and Agencies. The Director of NGA has delegated LIMITED DISTRIBUTION disclosure and release authority to NGA's Director of the Office of International Policy. Requests should be directed in writing to NGA, Office of International Policy (OIP), Mail Stop D-136, 4600 Sangamore Road, Bethesda, MD 20816-5003.

5.5.3. Establish policies and procedures consistent with this Instruction for the withholding of LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT, and any derived products, from unauthorized use and public release.

5.5.4. Not release UNCLASSIFIED GEOINT marked LIMITED DISTRIBUTION pursuant to Reference (g) and section 552 of title 5, United States Code (Reference (l)) and refer all such requests to the NGA Freedom of Information Act Office.

5.5.5. Apply the following restrictions for all DoD Component procurements and agreements, which include the use of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT to both DoD and contract personnel:

5.5.5.1. Prohibit the reproduction of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT without carrying over the LIMITED DISTRIBUTION handling caveat.

5.5.5.2. Prohibit the processing or transmission of NGA-produced or derived LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT on unencrypted or unsecured systems accessible by the public such as the worldwide Web (Reference (h)).

5.5.5.3. Prohibit the 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.

5.5.5.4. Prohibit 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 of NGA.

5.5.6. Establish procedures to comply with sections 252.245-7000 and 245.310-70 of Reference (f) for DoD Component procurements and agreements, which include the use of UNCLASSIFIED NGA GEOINT, to include those marked as LIMITED DISTRIBUTION.

5.5.7. Obtain the express written approval of the Director of NGA for the use of LIMITED DISTRIBUTION GEOINT, and any derived products, prior to entering into any Foreign Security Assistance transaction or arrangement, or transfer or loan of any weapon or weapons system that uses such material, intended to be used in mission planning systems, or sold to foreign partners through Foreign Military Sales (see Reference (j)).

5.6. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall:

5.6.1. Provide input to the determinations required in section 4.1.3., when requested by the Director of NGA to do so.

5.6.2. Establish policies and procedures to implement this Instruction.

## 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Instruction is effective immediately.



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Enclosures - 1

E1. References, continued

E1. ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES, continued

- (e) DoD Directive 5105.60, "National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA)," October 11, 1996
- (f) Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 245 and 252, current edition
- (g) DoD 5400.7- R, "DoD Freedom of Information Act Program," September, 1998
- (h) DoD 5200.1-R, "Information Security Program," January 1997
- (i) DoD Directive 5530.3, "International Agreements," June 11, 1987
- (j) DoD 5105.38-M, "Security Assistance Management Manual," October 2003
- (k) Section 454 of title 10, United States Code
- (l) Section 552 of title 5, United States Code