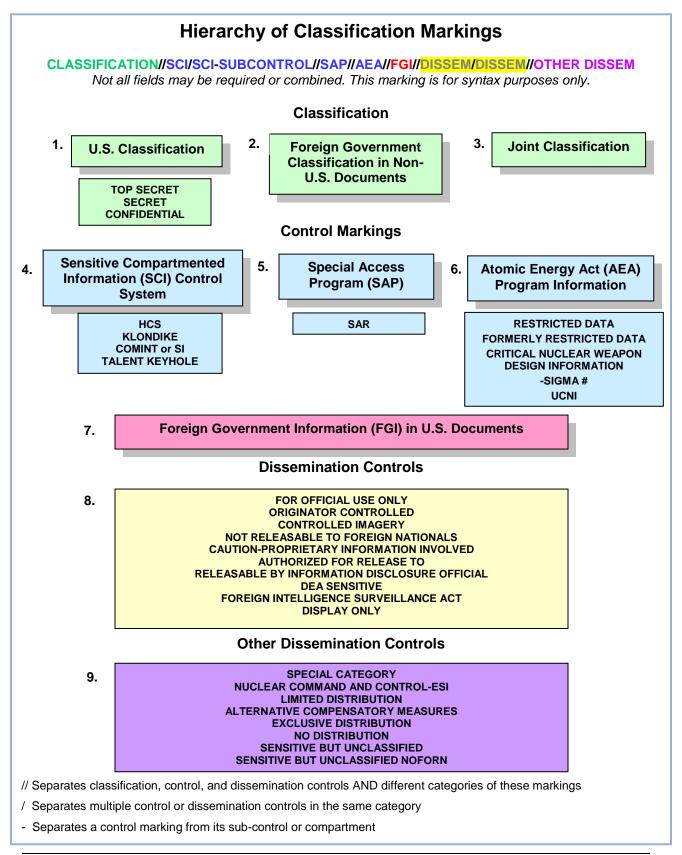# Job Aid: Marking Syntax for Classified Information

This job aid consists of two sections:

Section 1: Outlines the required order and hierarchy of markings that appear in banner line and portion markings of a classified document
1. Classification level
2. Any control markings
3. Any dissemination control markings

Section 2: Lists the authorized abbreviations that may appear in banner line and portion markings of a classified document
- Banner line markings
    - Classification level: Must be spelled out completely in English
    - Control and dissemination control markings: May be spelled out or use authorized abbreviations
- Portion markings
    - Must use authorized abbreviations

Hierarchy of Classification Markings

CLASSIFICATION//SCI/SCI-SUBCONTROL//SAP//AEA//FGI//DISSEM/DISSEM//OTHER DISSEM
Not all fields may be required or combined. This marking is for syntax purposes only.

Classification

1. **U.S. Classification**

   **TOP SECRET
   SECRET
   CONFIDENTIAL**

2. **Foreign Government Classification in Non-U.S. Documents**

3. **Joint Classification**

Control Markings

4. **Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) Control System**

   **HCS
   KLONDIKE
   COMINT or SI
   TALENT KEYHOLE**

5. **Special Access Program (SAP)**

   SAR

6. **Atomic Energy Act (AEA) Program Information**

   **RESTRICTED DATA
   FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA
   CRITICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON DESIGN INFORMATION
   -SIGMA #
   UCNI**

7. **Foreign Government Information (FGI) in U.S. Documents**

Dissemination Controls

8. **FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
   ORIGINATOR CONTROLLED
   CONTROLLED IMAGERY
   NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS
   CAUTION-PROPRIETARY INFORMATION INVOLVED
   AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE TO
   RELEASABLE BY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE OFFICIAL
   DEA SENSITIVE
   FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT
   DISPLAY ONLY**

Other Dissemination Controls

9. **SPECIAL CATEGORY
   NUCLEAR COMMAND AND CONTROL-ESI
   LIMITED DISTRIBUTION
   ALTERNATIVE COMPENSATORY MEASURES
   EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTION
   NO DISTRIBUTION
   SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED
   SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED NOFORN**

// Separates classification, control, and dissemination controls AND different categories of these markings

/ Separates multiple control or dissemination controls in the same category

- Separates a control marking from its sub-control or compartment

Authorized Abbreviations

Levels of Classification

Banner Line	Portion
TOP SECRET	(TS)
SECRET	(S)
CONFIDENTIAL	(C)
UNCLASSIFIED*	(U)

*UNCLASSIFIED only appears on a classified document's banner line when used as an interior page marking within a document. See DoDM 5200.01, Volume 2, Enclosure 3, Section 5c for more information.

Control Markings

	Banner Line		Portion
	Full Name	*Abbreviation*	
SCI	HCS		(HCS)
	KLONDIKE	KDK	(KDK)
	COMINT or SI		(SI)
	TALENT KEYHOLE	TK	(TK)
SAP	SPECIAL ACCESS REQUIRED	SAR	(SAR)
AEA	RESTRICTED DATA	RD	(RD)
	FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA	FRD	(FRD)
	RESTRICTED DATA-N (AKA Critical Nuclear Weapon Design Information)	RD-N	(RD-N)
	-SIGMA #		(-SG #)
	DOD UNCLASSIFIED CONTROLLED NUCLEAR INFORMATION	DOD UCNI	(DCNI)
	DOE UNCLASSIFIED CONTROLLED NUCLEAR INFORMATION	DOE UCNI	(UCNI)
FGI	If country must be unidentified: FGI		(//FGI [CLASS LVL]): E.g.: (//FGI S)
	If country may be identified: FGI [3-LETTER COUNTRY CODE]** Examples: GBR, DEU, CAN		[3-LETTER COUNTRY CODE]**: E.g.: (//GBR S)

** Use ISO 3166 trigraphic country code(s) or registered international organization code(s). If more than one country, list in alphabetical order.

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Dissemination Control Markings

Banner Line		Portion
Full Name	*Abbreviation*	
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	FOUO***	(FOUO)
ORIGINATOR CONTROLLED	ORCON	(OC)
CONTROLLED IMAGERY	IMCON	(IMC)
NOT RELEASEABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS	NOFORN	(NF)
CAUTION-PROPRIETARY INFORMATION INVOLVED	PROPIN	(PR)
AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE TO [3-LETTER COUNTRY CODE]	REL TO [3-LETTER COUNTRY CODE]	(REL TO [3-LETTER COUNTRY CODE])
RELEASABLE BY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE OFFICIAL	RELIDO	(RELIDO)
DEA SENSITIVE		(DSEN)
FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT	FISA	(FISA)
DISPLAY ONLY [3-LETTER COUNTRY CODE]**		(DISPLAY ONLY [3-LETTER COUNTRY CODE])**

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Other Dissemination Control Markings

Banner Line		Portion
Full Name	*Abbreviation*	
SPECIAL CATEGORY		
NUCLEAR COMMAND AND CONTROL-ESI		
LIMITED DISTRIBUTION	LIMDIS	(DS)
ALTERNATIVE COMPENSATORY CONTROL MEASURES	ACCM-PROGRAM NICKNAME	(ACCM-PROGRAM NICKNAME)
EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTION	EXDIS	(XD)
NO DISTRIBUTION	NODIS	(ND)
SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED	SBU	(SBU)
SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED NOFORN	SBU NOFORN	(SBU-NF)