

SAMPLE MARKINGS

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Sample Portion Marking:
(TS//NF)

This marking indicates that this portion contains Top Secret information not releasable to foreign nationals as defined earlier.

Sample Page Marking:
(TOP SECRET//NOFORN)

This marking may be used with **CONFIDENTIAL**, **SECRET**, or **TOP SECRET** information.

If a document contains both "NOFORN" and "REL TO" portions, NOFORN takes precedence for the markings within the banner line (i.e. the overall markings).

However, if a portion of a document contains both NOFORN and REL TO information, then NOFORN takes precedence for that portion marking.

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REL TO

Sample Portion Marking:
(SECRET//REL TO USA, JPN)

This is the portion marking for a portion which is classified SECRET, releasable to Japan. Countries are represented with ISO 3166 trigraphic codes.

Sample Page Marking:
(TOP SECRET//REL TO USA, EGY, ISR)

Each country code is separated by a comma and a space.

USA is required to be listed first when the REL TO string is invoked for automated decision making in systems, thus ensuring transmission to US citizens who meet the criteria of any other caveats.



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A Quick Reference Guide to Two Dissemination Controls

References: DoDM 5200.01, Vol. 2, and USD(I) Memo "Amplifying Guidance for Marking and Protecting DoD Information"



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DEFINITIONS

Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals (NOFORN or NF):

An intelligence control marking used to identify intelligence which an originator has determined falls under the criteria of Intelligence Community Directive (ICD) 710 and may not be provided in any form to foreign governments, international organizations, coalition partners, foreign nations, or immigrant aliens without foreign disclosure approval.

Releasable to (REL TO):

Releasable only to U.S. citizens and foreign nationals of specified countries and international organizations, or multinational forces. Release to additional countries requires approval through the foreign disclosure process.

NOFORN and REL TO, may also be applied, when warranted, to unclassified intelligence information that has been properly categorized as Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) consistent with ICD 710.

Questions regarding the proper application of either marking should be directed to your Security Manager.

USE OF “NOFORN”

There is no DoD authorized use for the NOFORN caveat on non-intelligence information except for:

- Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information (NNPI)
- National Disclosure Policy Document (NDP-1)
- DoD Cover and Cover Support Information described in DoD Directive S-5105.61, “DoD Cover and Cover Support Activities (U)”

All national intelligence, which is under the purview of the DNI, is to be explicitly marked at both the banner and portion level for foreign disclosure or release in accordance with Intelligence Community Directive 710.

However, Intelligence Community Directive 710, is not applicable to classified military intelligence subject to disclosure or release under NDP-1. Absence of the NOFORN caveat allows foreign disclosure officials to exercise their discretionary authority in accordance with applicable policies.

Further, DoD components must ensure their personnel are trained on proper application of the NOFORN caveat to support the Director of National Intelligence’s emphasis on “responsibility to provide as it relates to intelligence sharing.”

USE OF “REL TO”

The marking REL TO is authorized for use on all classified information once a favorable foreign disclosure decision is made to release the information to a foreign entity.

NOFORN cannot be used with REL TO or RELIDO in the banner line. When a document contains NOFORN and REL TO or NOFORN and RELIDO portions, NOFORN takes precedence for the markings in the banner line.

REL TO country codes must include country code “USA” as the first country code with others following in alphabetical order. Country codes do not need to be listed in the portion markings unless they are different from the countries listed in the REL TO at the top and bottom of the page. Care must be taken to ensure countries listed in the overall marking are authorized to access all of the information in the document. Otherwise, the country code may only be displayed in the applicable portions and not in the overall marking.

