# DOD Policy Flowchart

**Executive Order (EO)**

**Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs)**

Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security (USD(I&S))

**DOD Directive (DODD)**

Assigns **responsibility**

**DOD Instruction (DODI)**

Provides **general procedures** for implementing policy

If a <u>DODI</u> (needs more detail and) will be over <u>100 pages</u>, it becomes...

**DOD Manual (DODM)**

**DOD Regulations/Publications "Legacy" naming convention for issuances**

Provides **detailed procedures** for implementing policy

- **Used to issue, change, or cancel policy**
- **Acts as interim guidance until formal integration into policy**
- **Utilized for time-sensitive actions**

Security Executive Agent Directive (SEAD)

Information Security Oversight Office (ISSO) Notice

Directive Type Memo (DTM)
Effective for 180 days, unless extended

USD (I&S) Memos
Effective until integrated into policy

Security Facts Newsletter (DOD Lock Program)

**DOD Issuance Numbering System**

**DOD Issuance Process**
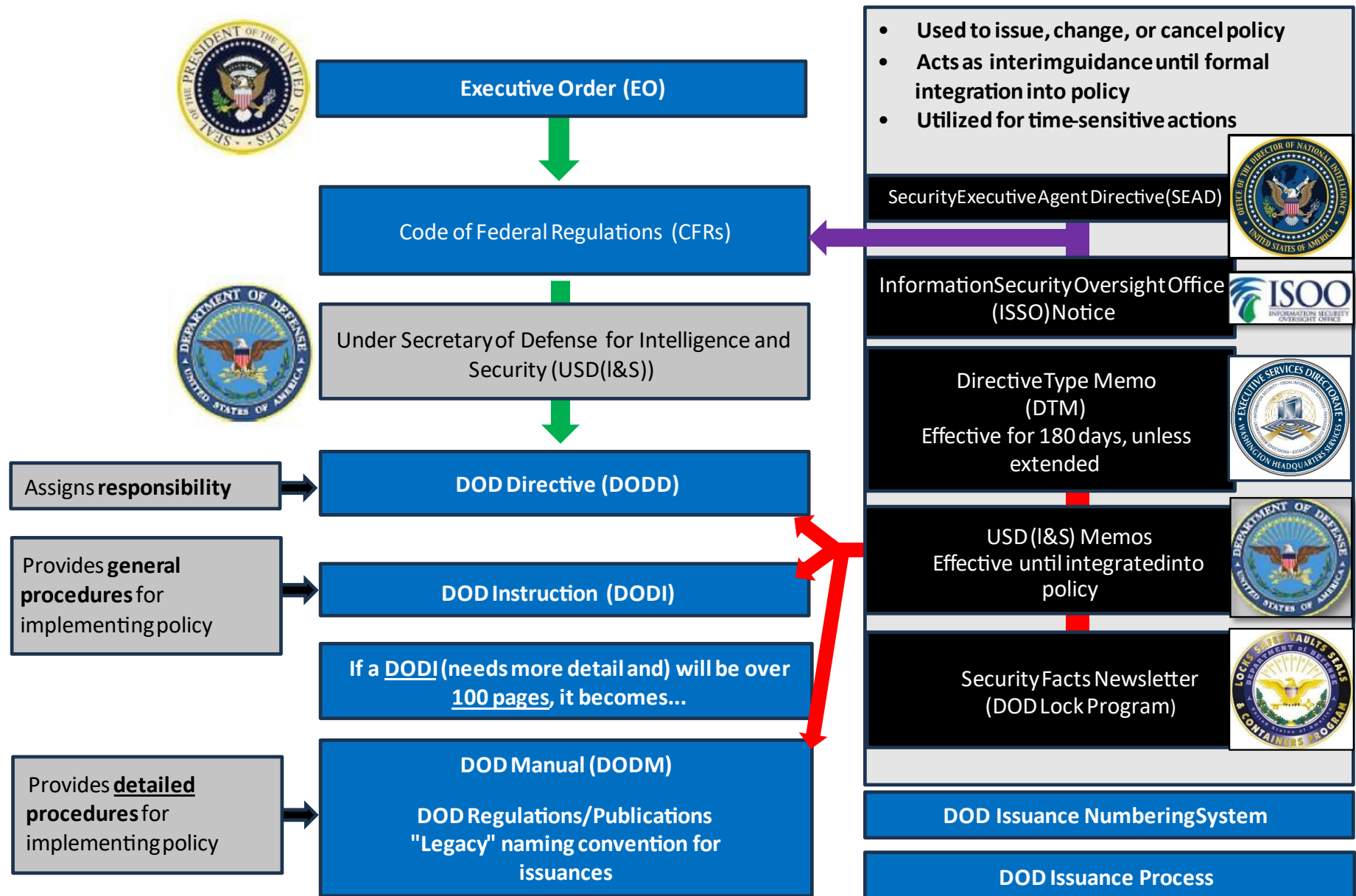
# Notes

The DOD Policy Flowchart begins with Executive Orders (EOs) issued by the President of the United States. These are incorporated into the Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs). Based on these, the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security (USD(I&S)) issues DOD Directives (DODDs) to establish policy and assign responsibility, DOD Instructions (DODIs) to provide general procedures for implementing policy, and DOD Manuals (DODMs) which provide detailed procedures and guidance for implementing policy. DOD Regulations/Publications are "Legacy" naming conventions for issuances.

In some cases, interim guidance is needed until policies are developed. Interim guidance can be used to issue, change, or cancel a policy; can act as interim guidance until formal integration into policy; and can be utilized for time-sensitive actions.

For example, interim guidance for CFRs can include Security Executive Agent Directives (SEADs) issued by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) or Information Security Oversight Office (ISSO) Notices. Interim guidance for DODDs, DODIs, and DODMs can include Directive Type Memos (DTMs) issued by the Executive Services Directorate that are effective for 180 days, unless extended; USD(I&S) Memos issued by the DOD that are effective until guidance is integrated into policy; and Security Facts Newsletters that are published by the DOD Lock Program.

There is a DOD Issuance Numbering System established to standardize and track DODDs, DODIs, and DODMs. In addition, there is a DOD Issuance Process for developing, reviewing, approving, and implementing these policies.