

Subpart FF. Life Cycle

Section 1.0 - General Policy

(a) Agencies shall decontrol CUI as soon as it no longer requires the protections of the CUI Framework.

(b) The CUI Executive Agent may require an originating agency to decontrol information determined to be controlled in violation of the Presidential Memorandum or CUI Directive.

(c) Decontrol is separate from public release. If decontrolled CUI is authorized for release, the CUI markings shall be struck through with a single, straight line prior to such release.

Section 2.0 - Automatic Decontrol

(a) CUI will be automatically decontrolled on December 31 of the tenth year of its origination unless a statute explicitly requires the protection of information from unauthorized disclosure, requires special handling safeguards, or prescribes limits on its exchange or dissemination beyond ten years.

(b) In extraordinary cases, agency heads or their designees may also request approval from the CUI Executive Agent to control information for more than ten years. The request shall be made in writing and shall specify the proposed duration of control and the extraordinary circumstances warranting such extended controls.

(c) Agencies may identify durations of control for less than ten years without approval of the CUI Executive Agent.

(d) Any variation from the ten year decontrol period, either of shorter or longer duration, shall be indicated by a statement placed conspicuously on the face or at the beginning of the document that indicates the decontrol date or event.

(e) When records containing CUI are transferred to the physical or legal custody of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the agency must inform NARA through specific written instructions if the information still requires the protections of the CUI Framework. If such instructions are not provided, the information will be presumed to have been decontrolled prior to transfer, regardless of any CUI markings on the records.

Section XX. Definitions

Decontrol: The removal of the protections afforded by the CUI Framework.