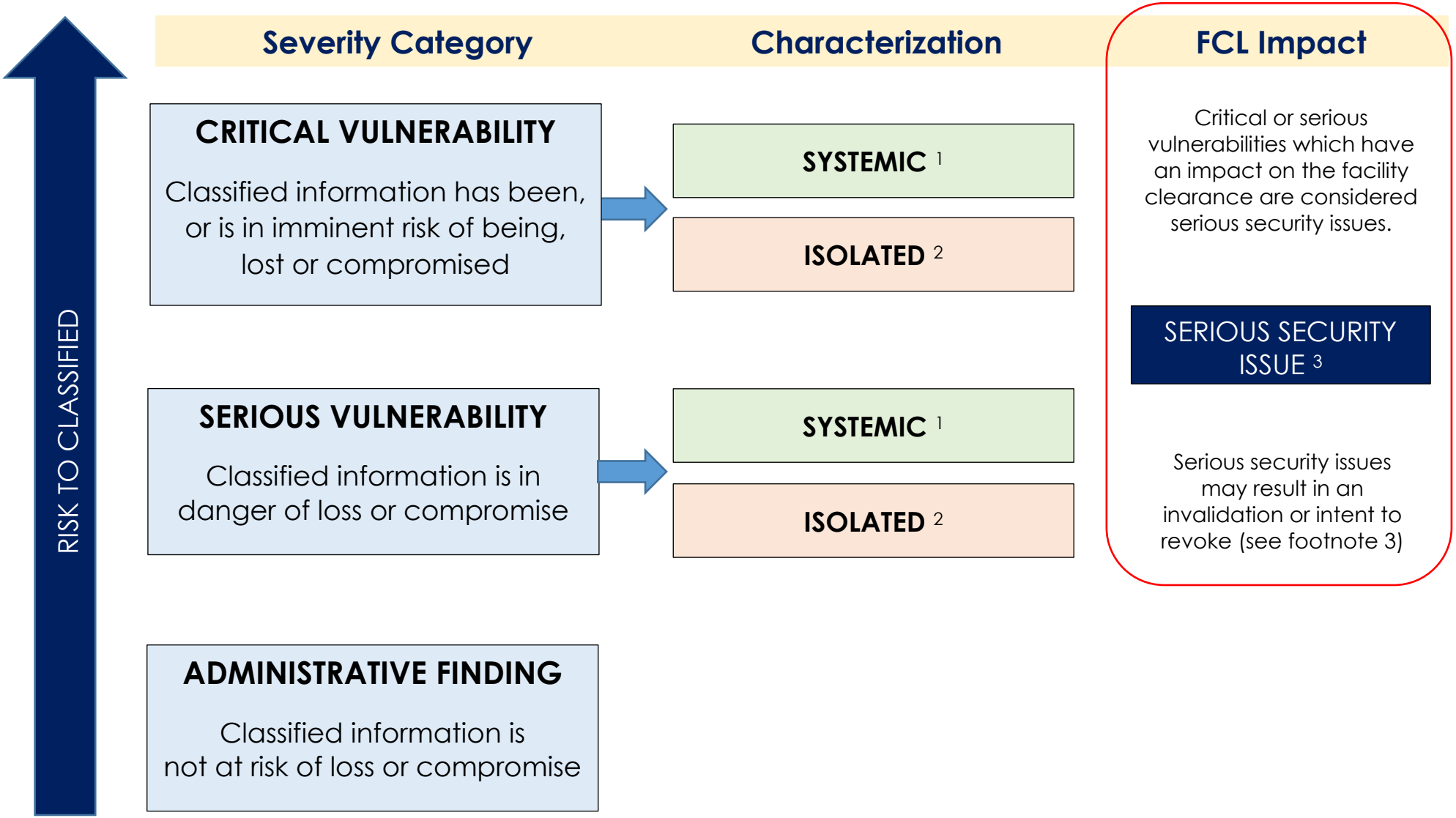
Identifying Vulnerabilities, Administrative Findings, and Serious Security Issues



1. Systemic is a characterization applied to a vulnerability that indicates a systemic problem exists within the overall security program or throughout a specific NISPOM section after a review of all isolated vulnerabilities. This characterization indicates an elevated risk to classified information.
2. Isolated is a characterization applied to a vulnerability that indicates risk to classified information is isolated in nature. All vulnerabilities are initially be characterized as isolated.
3. Serious security issue is a vulnerability that requires immediate mitigation due to its impact on the facility's ability to obtain or maintain a facility clearance. Serious security issues may result in an invalidation or revocation.

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