



DSS Monthly Newsletter
July 2017

(Sent on behalf of your ISR.)

Dear FSO,

This is the monthly newsletter containing recent information, policy guidance, security education and training updates. If you have any questions or recommendations for information to be included, please feel free to let us know.

WHERE TO FIND BACK ISSUES OF THE VOI NEWSLETTER

Missing a few back issues of the VOI Newsletter? The Defense Security Service (DSS) Public Affairs Office maintains a library of the VOI Newsletter (and other important forms and guides) on its [Industry Tools](#) page.

DSS IN TRANSITION (DiT)

DSS in Transition is a multi-year and enterprise-wide initiative. It is designed to move the Agency from a focus strictly on NISPOM (National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual) compliance to an intelligence-led, asset-focused, and threat-driven approach to industrial security oversight.

The Agency has branded DiT under the tagline, “Partnering with Industry to Protect National Security.” To help transform this sentiment into reality, DSS has coordinated with the National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC) and assembled a focus group of 40+ volunteers from cleared industry. Their objective is to provide ongoing feedback through a series of quarterly webinars on the development of the new DSS methodology and the effectiveness of the DSS in Transition communication efforts.

The second webinar in this series was held on 18 July 2017. Its purpose was to:

- Present an overview of the DiT Change Management Framework
- Outline a risk initiative that is being conducted in concert with DiT
- Update progress on the development of the new DSS methodology
- Solicit questions, comments, and concerns on DiT in general.

To watch the complete 18 July 2017 webinar with cleared industry, click [DSS in Transition](#).

More information about DiT may be found [here](#).

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (NISS)

Coming soon! NISS will replace the Industrial Security Facilities Database (ISFD) and the Electronic Facility Clearance System (e-FCL) in the Fall of 2017. NISS will be the system of record for facility clearance information and for submitting Change Conditions packages, among additional features. For information regarding this critical information system transition, please visit the [NISS Informational Webpage](#).

REVISED SF 86 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY POSITIONS

The 2017 SF 86, Questionnaire for National Security Positions, will replace previous versions of the form on July 30, 2017.

Several changes have been made throughout the form to clarify specific questions, but overall the form remains much the same. Additional marital status types include legally recognized civil union and legally recognized domestic partnership, and the ability to identify and provide information on derivative citizenship has also been added. Significant changes include:

- **Section 12** - Where You Went to School - added a link to assist in determining school address.
- **Section 21** - Psychological and Emotional Health - includes vastly different questions than previous versions as a result of a comprehensive review to clarify mental health treatment and to encourage proactive management of mental health conditions to support wellness and recovery. It is important to note that mental health treatment and counseling, in and of itself, is not a reason to determine the suitability or fitness for federal or contract employment, or to determine the eligibility for access to classified information, for holding a sensitive position, or for physical or logical access to federally controlled facilities or information systems.
- **Section 23** - Illegal Use of Drugs and Drug Activity - includes a statement that “illegal use” is in accordance with Federal laws, even though permissible under state laws.
- **Section 26** - Financial Record - added Chapter 12 Bankruptcy.
- **Certification** - added words to affirm that classified information is not provided on the form.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY PROGRAM (NISP) PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION PROCESS ENHANCEMENTS

Prior to DoD Consolidated Adjudications Facility (CAF) consolidation, psychiatric consultation services for designated contractor personnel were provided and funded through the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA); however, that process has since changed and DoD CAF is now responsible for arranging medical evaluations when a potential security concern has been identified. To fulfill this mission, DoD CAF has contracted a company to provide qualified psychologists/psychiatrists to conduct medical evaluations in support of DoD/NISP requirements.

When DoD CAF security and psychological professionals identify an individual who may have a medical condition and/or substance abuse issue of potential security concern, DoD CAF will contact individuals through his/her FSO. If the individual consents to participate in the evaluation, the DoD CAF will arrange an evaluation at no cost to the individual or his/her company. Once completed, DoD CAF will review the results of the evaluations for accuracy and security relevance. Our expectation is that DoD CAF should receive results of these medical evaluations within 90 days of the initial consent.

Initially, DoD CAF is processing collateral cases. DoD CAF will begin processing Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) eligibility cases at a later date (more details will follow). For questions, please email our DoD CAF Call Center at [this address](#).

KNOWLEDGE CENTER PCL INQUIRIES CLOSED ON JULY 28, 2017

Personnel Security (PCL) inquiries (Option #2) to include e-QIP authentication resets of the DSS Knowledge Center will be closed on Friday, July 28, 2017. This closure is to conduct internal training to ensure delivery of the highest quality customer service to Industry and Government callers. Normal operations for PCL and e-QIP inquiries will resume on Monday, July 31, 2017. Also, as a reminder, the PCL portion of the DSS Knowledge Center is typically closed the last Friday each month.

ISL 2016-02 HAS BEEN REVISED

Industrial Security Letter (ISL) 2016-02 provides clarification and guidance to assist contractors as they establish and tailor an insider threat program to meet NISPOM Change 2 requirements. ISL 2016-02 has been revised to incorporate administrative changes regarding insider threat course designators and links to those courses. The link to e-FCL has also been updated. The revised ISL may be found [here](#); changes are indicated in red font.

UPDATED SF 328 NOW AVAILABLE IN DIGITAL FORM IN e-FCL

On April 5, 2017, DSS announced that the SF 328, "Certificate Pertaining to Foreign Interests," supporting the NISP was revised and has a new issuance date of March 2017, under OMB Control Number 0704-0194.

On June 30, 2017, the revised SF 328 was fully incorporated into the e-FCL. Users can complete the digital SF 328 ("eForm") in the system and utilize the Print feature once again.

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned ISR.

SECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

CDSE RELEASES NEW RANSOMWARE WEBINAR

The Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) has recently released a new cybersecurity webinar, "Preventing and Recovering from Ransomware." The webinar discusses steps to prevent ransomware from infecting your system and what to do if your system is

infected. Information is provided for work and personal computers. This webinar may be accessed at [here](#) under Cybersecurity.

NEW SAP SECURITY SHORT AVAILABLE

CDSE has launched a new Special Access Program (SAP) Security short, "The SAP Nomination Process." This short provides students with information that helps them to understand the standardized security management process. This process applies enhanced security procedures to determine personnel suitability for access to DoD SAPs. You can access from either the [SAP Security Shorts](#) page or the [CDSE Catalog](#) page.

NEW UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE TOOLKIT NOW AVAILABLE

CDSE is pleased to introduce our latest toolkit "Unauthorized Disclosure." This toolkit provides a curated selection of Unauthorized Disclosure resources on the following topics:

- Training
- Policy Guidance
- Reporting of Unauthorized Disclosure Activity
- Reporting of Questionable Government Activity
- Awareness Materials
- Pre-publication Review
- Incident Response.

Access the [Unauthorized Disclosure Toolkit](#) today.

REGISTER FOR UPCOMING GETTING STARTED SEMINAR

The live, instructor-led training "[Getting Started Seminar for New FSOs](#)" contains two full days of security related and counterintelligence awareness training. Join us for our upcoming course on 15 and 16 August 2017 in Westford, MA.

This course offers new FSOs and security personnel the opportunity to discuss, practice and apply fundamental NISP requirements in a collaborative classroom environment and develop a network of professional associates.

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