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(1) Identify the subject matter of the classification guide;

(2) Identify the original classification authority by name or personal identifier, and position;

(3) Identify an agency point-of-contact or points-of-contact for questions regarding the classification guide;

(4) Provide the date of issuance or last review;

(5) State precisely the elements of information to be protected;

(6) State which classification level applies to each element of information, and, when useful, specify the elements of information that are unclassified;

(7) State, when applicable, special handling caveats;

(8) Prescribe declassification instructions or the exemption category from automatic declassification at 25 years, as approved by the ISCAP under section 3.3(d) of the Order and listed in §2001.21(e) of subpart B, for each element of information; and

(9) State a concise reason for classification which, at a minimum, cites the applicable classification category or categories in section 1.4 of the Order.

(c) Dissemination of classification guides. Classification guides shall be disseminated as widely as necessary to ensure the proper and uniform derivative classification of information.

(d) *Reviewing and updating classification guides.* (1) Classification guides, including guides created under prior orders, shall be reviewed and updated as circumstances require, but, in any event, at least once every five years. Updated instructions for guides first created under prior orders shall comply with the requirements of the Order and this part.

(2) Originators of classification guides are encouraged to consult the users of guides for input when reviewing or updating guides. Also, users of classification guides are encouraged to notify the originator of the guide when they acquire information that suggests the need for change in the instructions contained in the guide.

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**Subpart B—Identification and Markings**

**§ 2001.20 General [1.6].**

A uniform security classification system requires that standard markings be applied to classified information. Except in extraordinary circumstances, or as approved by the Director of ISOO, the marking of classified information created after September 22, 2003, shall not deviate from the following prescribed formats. If markings cannot be affixed to specific classified information or materials, the originator shall provide holders or recipients of the information with written instructions for protecting the information. Markings shall be uniformly and conspicuously applied to leave no doubt about the classified status of the information, the level of protection required, and the duration of classification.

**§ 2001.21 Original classification [1.6(a)].**

(a) *Primary markings.* On the face of each originally classified document, regardless of the media, the original classification authority shall apply the following markings.

(1) *Classification authority.* The name or personal identifier, and position title of the original classification authority shall appear on the “Classified By” line. An example might appear as:

Classified By: David Smith, Chief, Division 5,  
Department of Good Works, Office of Administration

or

Classified By: ID#IMNO1, Chief, Division 5,  
Department of Good Works, Office of Administration

(2) *Agency and office of origin.* If not otherwise evident, the agency and office of origin shall be identified and follow the name on the “Classified By” line. An example might appear as:

Classified By: David Smith, Chief, Division 5  
Department of Good Works, Office of Administration.

(3) *Reason for classification.* The original classification authority shall identify the reason(s) for the decision to classify. The original classification authority shall include, at a minimum, a