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SUBJECT: Improving Information Sharing with Allies and Partner Nations

1. To meet the requirements of the current and future coalition security environment, the US Army must improve its ability to share critical information with Allies and Partners. Army components will consider foreign disclosure implications when preparing policies, requirements, and plans, and will write them for the widest disclosure and release (Write for Release) as applicable in order to maximize information sharing with Allies and Partner Nations.
2. Since foreign disclosure is a critical task within the Mission Command Warfighting Function, components should involve their Foreign Disclosure Officers (FDOs) early in the planning process. In addition, mission effectiveness and responsiveness can be enhanced by expanding the number and use of supporting Foreign Disclosure Representatives (FDR) to compress timelines and eliminate unnecessary FDO reviews.
3. All personnel preparing policies, requirements, and plans, to include FDOs/FDRs, will conduct an immediate review of Department of Defense (DoD) Manual 5200.01, Volume 2, DoD Information Security Program: Marking of Classified Information, available at http://dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/520001_vol2.pdf, to prevent misuse of the NOFORN classification marking, which limits the ability to share information with Allies and Partners. NOFORN is only authorized within DoD for intelligence information, Naval Nuclear Propulsion information, and the National Disclosure Policy (NDP-1). Even on otherwise unclassified classified military intelligence, NOFORN should be used "as infrequently as possible."
4. Appropriate application of the NOFORN marking and cognizance of the "need to share" can increase the efficiency of information sharing with multinational partners and improve the Army's overall mission effectiveness.

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