

# LIS SOLUTIONS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JULY 2022



## WHAT IS CUI?

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), used to be known as For Official Use Only (FOUO), is the handling, the storing, the transmitting, and destroying of government created or owned information that requires safeguarding or dissemination controls consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and government wide policies. It is important to know that CUI is not "CLASSIFIED INFORMATION" and it is not corporate intellectual property unless it is created for or included in requirements related to a government contract.

## WHAT MAKES CUI IMPORTANT?

**NOTE:** When it comes to CUI, there are less security controls protecting CUI compared to "CLASSIFIED INFORMATION". Classified Information is Certain information requiring protection against unauthorized disclosure in the interests of national defense and security or foreign relations of the United States pursuant to Federal statute or Executive order. The term includes Restricted Data, Formerly Restricted Data, and National Security Information. The potential damage to the national security of each is denoted by the classification levels Top Secret, Secret, or Confidential. **MEANING:** CUI information is like a gateway for adversaries because it has the fewer security measures of protection. Finally, the loss of CUI information is the one of the most significant risks to national security, directly affecting lethality of our warfighters because of the vulnerability of the information.

## AN ARTICLE TO READ:

*Pentagon Updates Timeline for CMMC Cybersecurity Initiative; Written by Mark Pomerleau*

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"The Department of Defense hopes to begin implementing its Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) program requirements in contracts in May 2023, as part of an effort to prod hundreds of thousands of defense contractors to better protect their networks and controlled unclassified information. The requirements are currently going through the federal rulemaking process for the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, which is required before they can be implemented."

Continue reading article at: <https://www.fedscoop.com/pentagon-updates-timeline-for-cmmc-cybersecurity-initiative/>

## INFORMATION THAT IS CONSIDERED CUI:

- Critical Infrastructure
- Defense
- Export Control
- Financial & Tax
- Immigration
- Intelligence
- International Agreements
- Law Enforcement
- Legal
- Natural & Cultural Resources
- NATO
- Nuclear
- Patent
- Privacy
- Procurement & Acquisition
- Proprietary Business Information
- Statistical
- Transportation

A complete list of categories, sub-categories, and descriptions can be found at: <https://www.dodcui.mil>



## REPORTING CUI:

You are required to report Controlled Unclassified Information incidents that include but are not limited:

1. Improper storage of CUI.
2. Actual or suspected mishandling of CUI.
3. When unauthorized individuals gain access to CUI (physical or electronic).
4. Unauthorized release of CUI (to public facing websites or to unauthorized individuals).
5. Suspicious behavior from the workforce (Insider Threats) examples are:
  - a. General disregard for security procedures.
  - b. Seeking access to information outside the scope of current responsibilities.
  - c. Attempting to enter or access to sensitive areas (where CUI is stored, discussed, or processed).

## ALWAYS REMEMBER:

You are the first line of defense when it comes to protecting sensitive information, proprietary information, and any information that can cause damage to our national security. By taking those extra measures of security, can make it harder for adversaries to gain access to information that could cause harm to you or others. If any CUI information that has been loss, compromised or potentially compromised, you are to report to your security professionals immediately at [security@lissol.com](mailto:security@lissol.com) .

### References:

- [https://www.directives.doe.gov/terms\\_definitions/classified-information-1](https://www.directives.doe.gov/terms_definitions/classified-information-1)
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- <https://securityawareness.usalearning.gov/cui/index.html>
- <https://www.fedscoop.com/pentagon-updates-timeline-for-cmmc-cybersecurity-initiative/>
- <https://www.archives.gov/files/cui/documents/cui-overview-powerpoint.pdf>