

tional Intelligence, the classification decision shall be made by the Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

(c) Reports

Whenever the Director or the Principal Deputy Director makes a decision under subsection (b), the Director or the Principal Deputy Director, as the case may be, shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees a report detailing the reasons for the decision.

(Pub. L. 116–92, div. E, title LXIII, §6310, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2190.)

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DEFINITIONS

For definitions of “intelligence community” and “congressional intelligence committees” as used in this section, see section 5003 of div. E of Pub. L. 116–92, set out as a note under section 3003 of this title.

§ 3352. Definitions

In this title:

(1) Appropriate congressional committees

The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

- (A) the congressional intelligence committees;
- (B) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;
- (C) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
- (D) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;
- (E) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;
- (F) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;
- (G) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives; and
- (H) the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives.

(2) Appropriate industry partner

The term “appropriate industry partner” means a contractor, licensee, or grantee (as defined in section 101(a) of Executive Order No. 12829 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note; relating to National Industrial Security Program)) that is participating in the National Industrial Security Program established by such Executive order.

(3) Continuous vetting

The term “continuous vetting” has the meaning given such term in Executive Order No. 13467 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note; relating to reforming processes for determining suitability for government employment, fitness for contractor employees, and eligibility for access to classified national security information).

(4) Council

The term “Council” means the Security, Suitability, and Credentialing Performance Accountability Council established pursuant to such Executive order, or any successor entity.

(5) Reciprocity

The term “reciprocity” means reciprocal recognition by Federal departments and agen-

cies of eligibility for access to classified information.

(6) Security Executive Agent

The term “Security Executive Agent” means the officer serving as the Security Executive Agent pursuant to section 3162a of this title.

(7) Suitability and Credentialing Executive Agent

The term “Suitability and Credentialing Executive Agent” means the Director of the Office of Personnel Management acting as the Suitability and Credentialing Executive Agent in accordance with Executive Order No. 13467 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note; relating to reforming processes related to suitability for Government employment, fitness for contractor employees, and eligibility for access to classified national security information), or any successor entity.

(Pub. L. 116–92, div. E, title LXVI, §6601, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2209.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This title, referred to in text, means title LXVI of div. E of Pub. L. 116–92, which enacted this section and sections 3162a and 3352a to 3352f of this title and amended sections 3033, 3104, 3163, and 3164 of this title. For complete classification of title LXVI to the Code, see Tables.

Executive Order No. 12829, referred to in par. (2), is Ex. Ord. No. 12829, Jan. 6, 1993, 58 F.R. 3479, which is set out as a note under section 3161 of this title.

Executive Order No. 13467, referred to in pars. (3), (4), and (7), is Ex. Ord. No. 13467, June 30, 2008, 73 F.R. 38103, which is set out as a note under section 3161 of this title.

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CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Oversight and Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Accountability of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2023.

DEFINITIONS

For definition of “congressional intelligence committees” as used in this section, see section 5003 of div. E of Pub. L. 116–92, set out as a note under section 3003 of this title.

§ 3352a. Reports and plans relating to security clearances and background investigations

(a) Sense of Congress

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) ensuring the trustworthiness and security of the workforce, facilities, and information of the Federal Government is of the highest priority to national security and public safety;

(2) the President and Congress should prioritize the modernization of the personnel security framework to improve its efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability;

(3) the current system for background investigations for security clearances, suitability and fitness for employment, and credentialing