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~~(S//SI//NF)~~ Updated FAA 702 Targeting Review Guidance

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(U//FOUO) 1.0 PURPOSE

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(U//FOUO) A thorough review of targeting requests is essential for ensuring compliance with the FISA Court (FISC) approved FISA Amendments Act of 2008 (FAA) Section 702 targeting procedures and any other applicable targeting procedures. The act mandates procedures to be used in the gathering of foreign intelligence when the target of surveillance is a non-U.S. person located outside the United States and the collection occurs inside the United States.

(U//FOUO) 2.0 SCOPE

(U//FOUO) This SOP applies to all analysts, releasers, and adjudicators performing FAA 702 targeting activities.

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(U//FOUO) 3.0 OBJECTIVES

- (U//FOUO) Identifies steps required for FAA 702 targeting.
- (U//FOUO) Identifies responsibilities pertaining to FAA 702 targeting.

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(U//FOUO) 4.0 BACKGROUND

(U//FOUO) The following are guidelines for submitting targeting requests under FAA 702 authorities:

(U//FOUO) A target and its associated selector(s) can only be requested for targeting under FAA 702 if it is applicable under one of the existing FAA 702 Certifications. All analysts involved in the FAA 702 targeting process should review the provisions of the relevant FAA 702 certification, including the DIRNSA affidavit, Exhibit-F, and the Targeting and Minimization procedures to assure the specific target is covered:



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(S//SI) [redacted] While FAA 702 enhances our ability to collect foreign communications that transit the U.S. or in which one end of the communication terminates in the U.S. [redacted] there must be a "Reasonable Belief" that any entity targeted under FAA 702 authorities is a non-U.S. person located outside the U.S. This means that for each selector we target under FAA 702, we must be able to explain why we reasonably believe it is foreign. The targeting analyst includes relevant foreignness information in their targeting request and this information receives a second-level review prior to adjudication for targeting under FAA 702.

(U//FOUO) To preserve the foreignness factor citation and associated source records for all targeting requests, the target analyst is required to create a permanent record of the citations associated with each target and associated selectors, as well as the [redacted] information that supported the foreignness determination<sup>1</sup>. The information must be permanently retrievable and readily accessible by P75 personnel so that it can be presented, if requested, to NSA's external overseers (DoJ/ODNI) at their bi-monthly review of NSA's tasking decisions under the authority.

<sup>1</sup>(U//FOUO) (b) (3) (A) [redacted]

FAA 702 Targeting Process Map

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**(U//FOUO) 5.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

(U//FOUO) Here is a detailed break out of the FAA 702 Targeting roles and responsibilities.

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**(U//FOUO) 6.0 CREDENTIALS AND TOOLS**

(U//FOUO) These prerequisites must be completed to ensure compliance prior to gaining access to tools required for requesting FAA 702 tasking. For instructions on becoming an adjudicator click here or contact your Mission Area Lead.

<p><b>(U//FOUO) COMPLIANCE CREDENTIALS</b> You must have the credentials listed below. You can perform a credential check in (b) (3) (A) [redacted]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1st party</li> <li>2. Successful completion of OVSC1800 (VUport)</li> <li>3. Successful completion of OVSC1100 (VUport)</li> <li>4. Successful completion of OVSC1203 (VUport)</li> <li>5. [redacted]</li> <li>6. [redacted]</li> <li>7. [redacted]</li> </ol>
<p><b>(U//FOUO) TARGETING CREDENTIALS</b> You must have completed the training courses listed below to perform targeting under FAA 702 authorities. To review your training history, type 'go connect,' choose the ADET tab and select the Training History button under 'ADET Quick Links.'</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CRSK1300 – Targeting: Overview (VUport) – All targeting analysts</li> <li>2. CRSK1301 – Targeting: Research (E-Class) – All targeting analysts</li> <li>3. CRSK1302 – Targeting: Targeting (VUport) – All Targeting analysts [redacted]</li> <li>4. CRSK1303 – Targeting: Maintenance (VUport) – All targeting analysts [redacted]</li> <li>5. CRSK1304 – Targeting: FAA 702 Practical Application (VUport) – All FAA 702 targeting analysts, Releasers and Adjudicators.</li> <li>6. CRSK1305 - Targeting: FAA 702 Adjudicator Training (VUport) - All FAA 702 adjudicator</li> </ol>
<p><b>(U//FOUO) ACCOUNTS/TOOLS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (U//FOUO) (b) (3) (A) [redacted]</li> <li>2. (U//FOUO) [redacted]</li> <li>3. (U//FOUO) [redacted]</li> <li>4. (U//FOUO) [redacted]</li> <li>5. (U//FOUO) [redacted]</li> <li>6. (U//FOUO) [redacted]</li> <li>7. (U//FOUO) [redacted]</li> <li>8. (U//FOUO) [redacted]</li> <li>9. Other tools as required by your mission area</li> <li>10. (S//SI) [redacted] (b) (3) (A)</li> </ol>

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**7.0 (U//FOUO) TARGETING PROCESS**

(U//FOUO) Click here to see detailed steps on the FAA 702 Targeting process, which include topics such as TARs, Foreign Factors, Foreignness, and the



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8.0 (U//FOUO) FAA 702 OBLIGATION TO REVIEW

(U//FOUO) For all collection regardless of the authority under which it was collected, there is an implied understanding that the requesting analyst or members of the mission area targeting team regularly review the traffic returned from the targeting request. Under FAA 702, there is a more explicit requirement to mitigate potential future compliance incidents due to continued collection following target use of the selector from within the U.S.

(U//FOUO) The FAA 702 Obligation to Review (OIR) begins once the initial piece of 702 traffic is received following successful tasking of the selector. [redacted] (b) (3) [redacted] Simultaneously, the [redacted] Initial Content Review clock begins. The analyst is required to review a sufficient amount of traffic content in order to answer the following questions:

- (b) (3) (A) [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

(U//FOUO) If the answer to all three questions is Yes, no further action is required as the OIR system will automatically register that the Initial Content Review has been satisfied. If the answer to any of the questions is No, the selector should be detasked immediately using the appropriate detask reason. Once the analyst satisfies the Initial Content Review, the next piece of collected traffic starts the [redacted] (b) [redacted] Ongoing Content Review clock. Each time the analyst satisfies the review, the next piece of collected traffic starts a new [redacted] (b) [redacted] Ongoing Content Review window.

(b) (3) (A) [redacted]

(U//FOUO) By NOT detasking this selector you are verifying the answers to the above three questions are true, aka Yes.

(S//SI) [redacted] A&P's Guidance to Analysts on "Obligation to Review Data Under the Protect America Act and FISA Amendment Act" holds you responsible to provide targeting verification *immediately* upon receipt of data. This document further explains that the first received piece(s) of traffic may not be conclusive. Therefore, immediate and effective verification may take up to [redacted] business days. [redacted]

(S//SI) [redacted] Please note that under the FAA Obligation to Review process you must continue to review a sufficient amount of data to uphold that the [redacted] ge in the target's status that would require adjustment to maintain compliance. [redacted]

(S//SI) [redacted] Notes:

- a. [redacted]
- b. [redacted]
- c. [redacted]
- d. [redacted]
- e. [redacted]
- f. If you have questions your first POC is your Mission Area Lead. After that please see the FAA 702 webpages (Go 702 FAA)

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9.0 (U//FOUO) FAA 702 DETASKING REQUIREMENTS

(S//SI) [redacted] A detasking action can be prompted by multiple processes to include, but not limited to the following:

- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

(S//SI) [redacted] Once there is confirmation that a target has roamed into the U.S., an Emergency detasking action must occur immediately. [redacted]

- [redacted]
- [redacted]

(U//FOUO) [redacted]

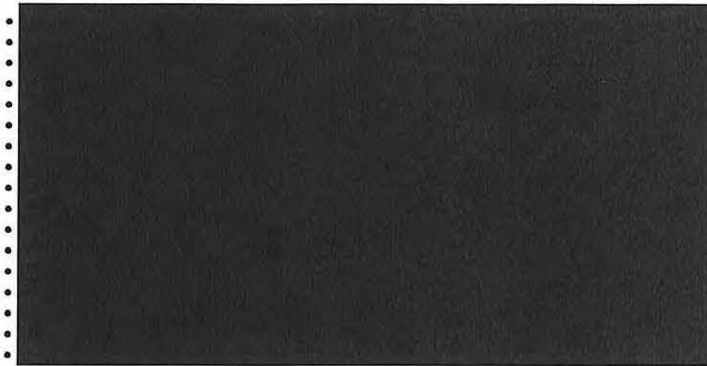
(S//SI) [redacted]

- [redacted]
- [redacted]

(S//SI) (b) (3) (A) [redacted]

- [redacted]
- [redacted]

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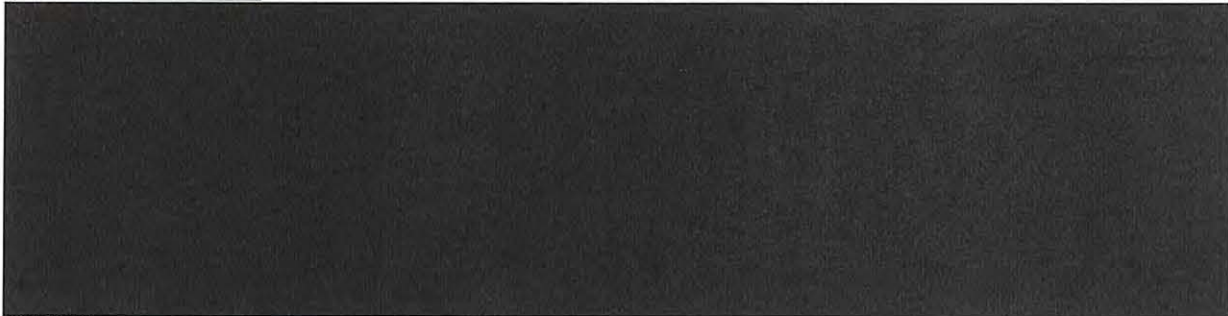
10.0 (U//FOUO) REFERENCES

(U//FOUO) Additional information may be found here:

- [FISA Amendments Act \(FAA\) Web page: \(go faa\)](#)
- [REDACTED]
- [Oversight & Compliance](#)
- [\(b\) Home Page: \(b\)\(3\)](#)
- [REDACTED]
- [Building a Target Request](#)

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11.0 (U//FOUO) Errors to Avoid



(U//FOUO) SELECTOR IS MISTYPED:

- Number 1 vs. lower case L
- Hyphens
- Letters transposed
- The selector must be entered in the targeting record exactly as it is shown in the source provided
- The selector must be spelled consistently in every single field where it appears in the record
- When a selector is mistyped in a targeting record, the request has to be returned to re-draft. The FAA targeting review team cannot access this field and correct the mistyped selector (the targeting analyst does not need to recreate the record, the record can be cloned)

(U//FOUO) FIELDS ARE BLANK – NO SOURCE PROVIDED:

- All fields must be completely filled in. (b) (3) (A)

(U//FOUO) INCOMPLETE (b) (3) RECORD USED AS FOREIGNNESS SOURCE:

- (b) (3) (A) are sometimes missing vital information such (b) (3) (A). These records are not valid foreignness sources and cannot be used to approve FAA targeting

(U//FOUO) INCORRECT/INCOMPLETE DATA IN FOREIGNNESS EXPLANATION:

- Selector is mistyped; date, phone number, name, and more are incorrect. Make sure that all the information in this summary is correct. The information should be copied and pasted directly from the source instead of manually typing, if possible. This summary must include [REDACTED]

(U//FOUO) COMMENTS ADDED TO FOREIGNNESS EXPLANATION:

- Comments should not be added to this field UNLESS they are relevant to the Foreignness Source. If the information cannot be seen in the source provided, it should not be include here. Exceptions would be explanations on why location in the FE does not match location information in the targeting record.



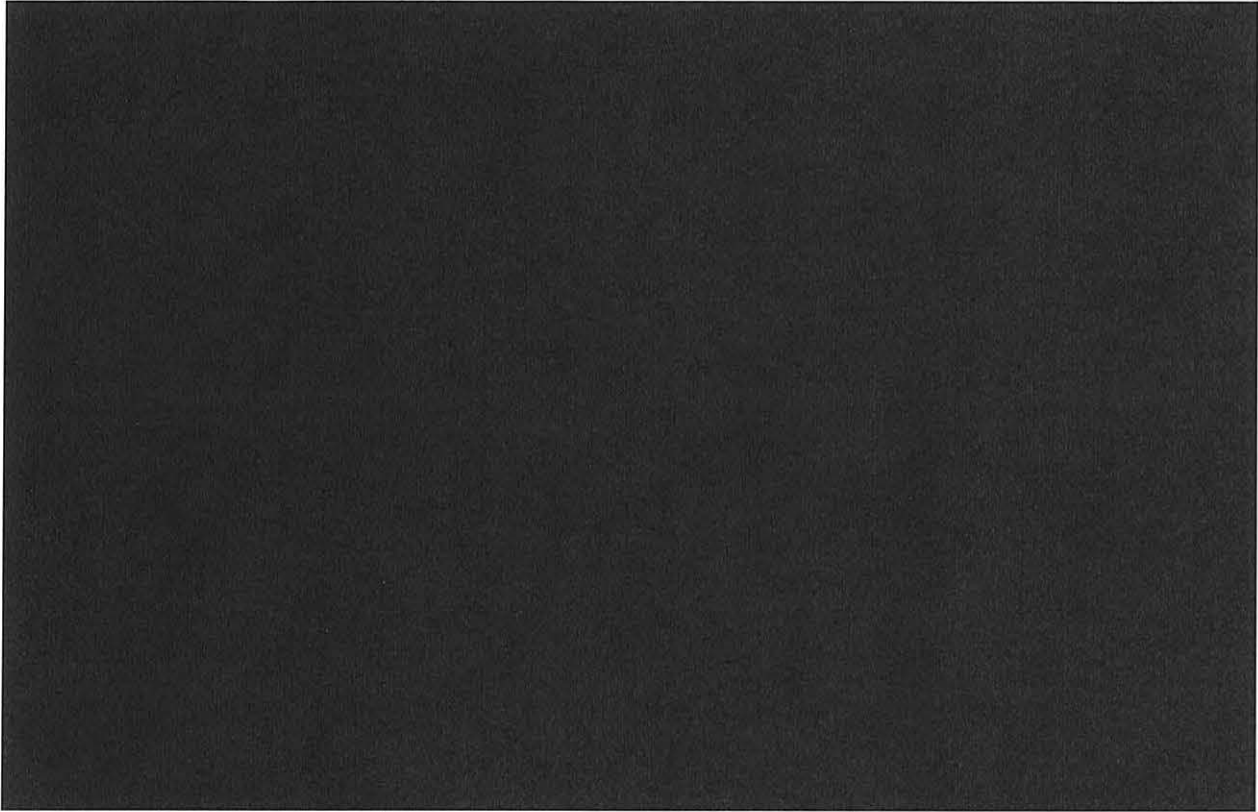
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(U//FOUO) SELECTOR NOT INCLUDED IN FOREIGNNESS SOURCE OR IS FOR A DIFFERENT SELECTOR:

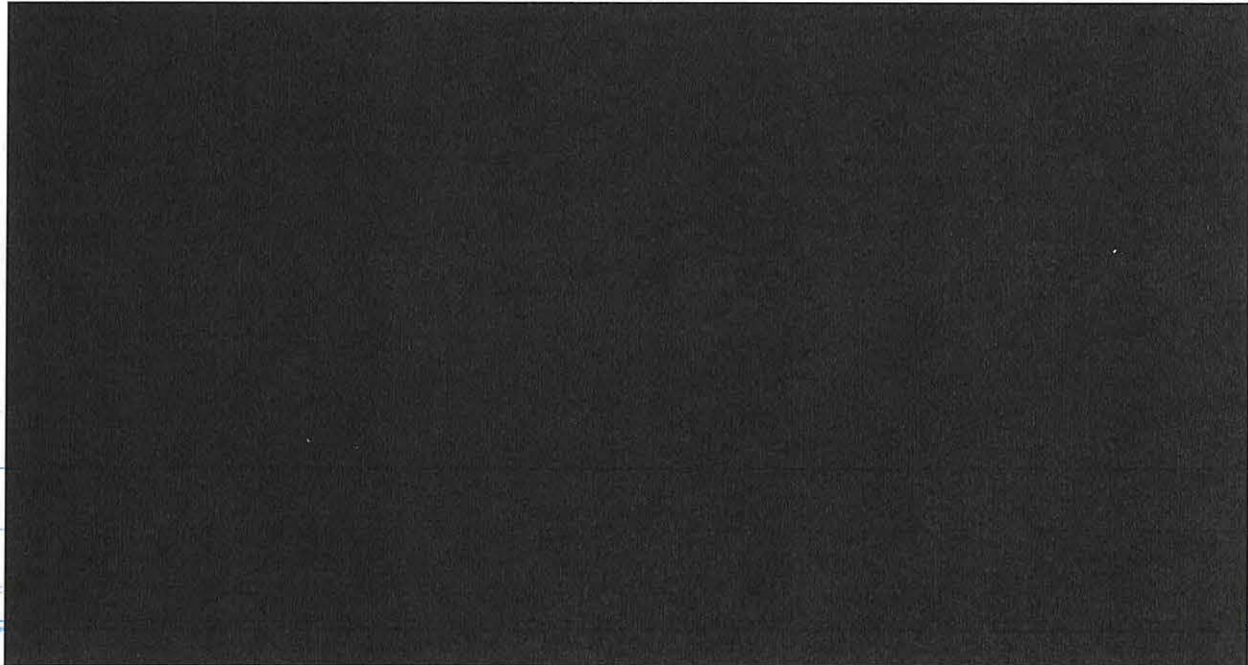
- The selector must be clearly stated



(U//FOUO) ACRONYMS NEED TO BE SPELLED OUT:

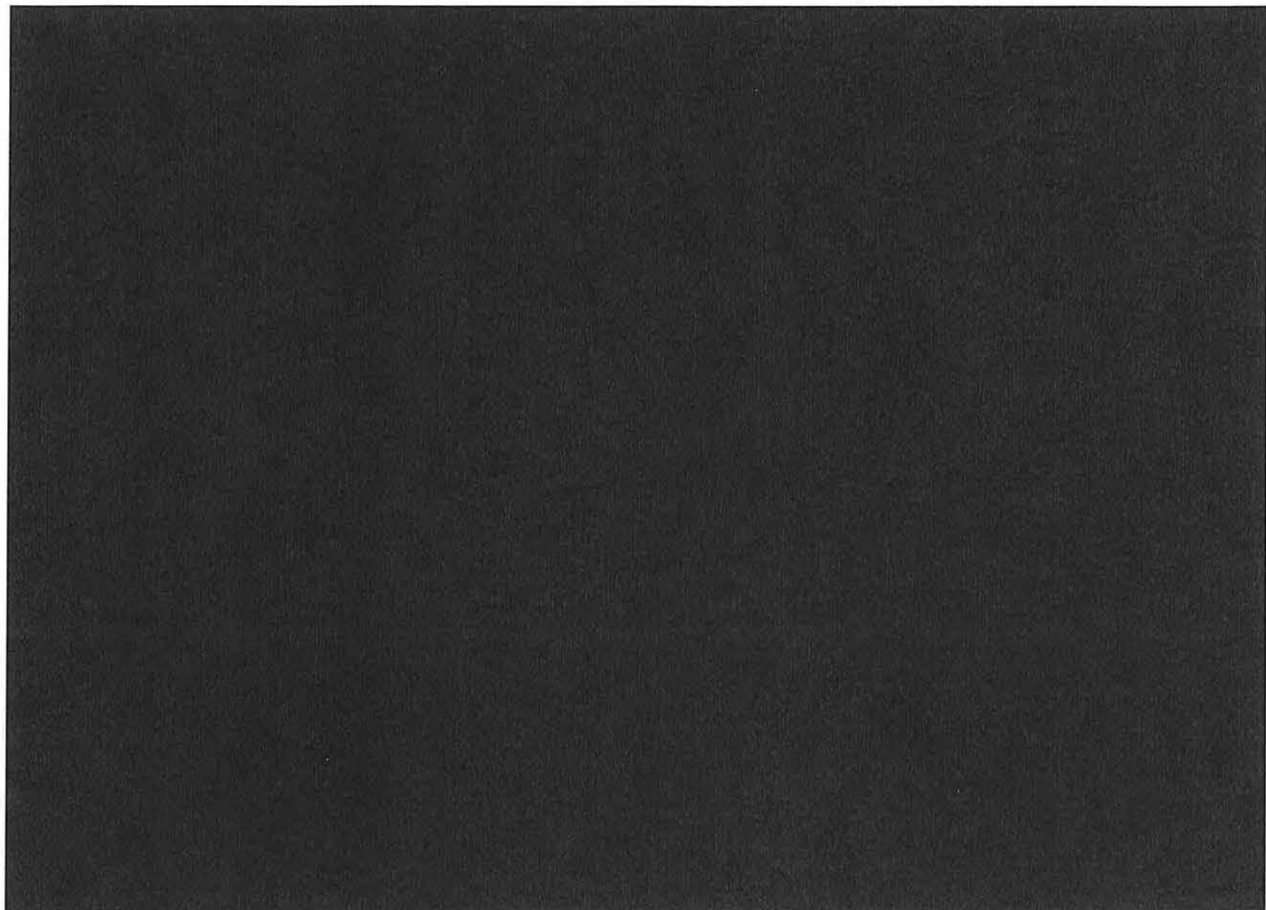
- As in reports, all acronyms should be spelled out the first time they are used

(TS//SI) [REDACTED] INCORRECT FACTOR USED:



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12.0 (U//FOUO) APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: (U//FOUO) Acronyms and Definitions

APPENDIX C: (U//FOUO) After hours Emergency Tasking

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12.0 (U//FOUO) Contacts

Questions?



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