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SUBJECT: Interim Department of Defense (DoD) Information Assurance (IA)
Certification and Accreditation (C&A) Process Guidance

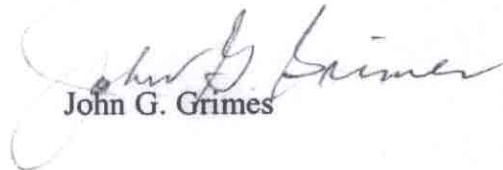
- References:
- (a) DoDD 5025.1, "DoD Directives System," July 14, 2004
 - (b) DoD Instruction 5200.40, "DoD Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process (DITSCAP)," December 30, 1997
 - (c) DoD 8510.1-M, "DoD Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process (DITSCAP) Application Manual," July, 2000
 - (d) Section 3541 of title 44, United States Code, "Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002" (FISMA)

This memorandum establishes interim guidance for the IA certification and accreditation of DoD information systems in accordance with reference (a) to achieve an enterprise process for identifying, implementing and managing IA capabilities and services. It supersedes references (b) and (c), and was developed through more than eighteen months of coordination of a draft Instruction.



This memorandum is being issued because the length of coordination time requires that the Instruction be re-staffed; however the maturity of the content allows the Department to begin an immediate transition to a streamlined and modern C&A process that complies with FISMA, is more compatible with the Department's IA controls-based approach for information systems security, and lends itself to the use of evolving automated C&A tools.

Consistent with reference (a), the DoD Instruction on this subject will be issued at the earliest possible date. The points of contact for this memorandum are Glenda Turner (703) 614-2196, Glenda.turner@osd.mil; Donald Jones (703) 614-6640, donald.jones@osd.mil; and Gus Guissanie (703) 614-6132, gary.guissanie@osd.mil.


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