

ISOO Training Tip #20

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TOPIC: “Derived From:” Line

What is the purpose of the “Derived From:” line on classified documents?

The “Derived From” line identifies the documents or classification guide where you got the information, along with the classification level and declassification date, that went into your document.

The “Derived From:” line is part of the classification authority block that is placed on every derivatively classified document.

Classified By:

Derived From:

Declassify On:

The derivative classifier shall concisely identify the following on this line:

- the source document or the classification guide
- the agency and office of origin
- the date of the source document or classification guide

For information on the use of “Multiple Sources” in the “Derived From:” line, refer to [Training Tip #5, Multiple Sources](#).

Why is this important?

- allows the holder of the document to track back to the original classification decision
- it validates the classification of your document

Example:

Derived From: CoNGA SCG v2.2.0, dtd 31 August 2018

Reference: [32 CFR 2001.22\(c\)](#)



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