

# DoD SCIENTIFIC and TECHNICAL INFORMATION (STIN)

## DEFINITIONS

(Ref: DoDD 5230.24, Encl 2)

Audience: In context to STIN determinations, an individual or a group of persons belonging to an identifiable organization (i.e., Originating Office's Command, DoD, US Government agency, contractors associated with one of these groups, US nationals, foreign government, foreign nationals). See also "wider audience"

Contractor: An individual or organization who has accepted any type of agreement or order to provide research, supplies, or services to a U.S. Government agency, country, organization, and/or individual. This includes both prime contractors and subcontractors.

Controlling DoD Office: The DoD unit/activity that sponsored the work that generated the technical data or received the technical data on behalf of the information originators and, therefore, has the responsibility for establishing the information determinations and the initial distribution of the document containing such technical data. For joint sponsorship, the controlling office is determined by advance agreement and may be either a party, group, or committee representing the interested activities or DoD component.

Critical Technology: Technology that consists of:

- a. arrays of design and manufacturing know-how (including technical data).
- b. keystone manufacturing, inspection, and test equipment.
- c. keystone materials.
- d. goods accompanied by sophisticated operation, application, or maintenance know-how that would make a significant contribution to the military potential of any country or combination of countries and that may prove detrimental to the security of the United States.

Distribution: Writing, diagram, picture, video, verbal, electronic information, etc. given outside the Controlling DoD Office's Command via paper, briefing, conversation, movie, film, or electronic means.

Distribution Restriction. The restricted audience to whom the information is restricted based on a determination by the controlling DoD officer and/or originating DoD office before initial distribution. This restriction is stated on the Distribution Statement.

Distribution Statement. The statement(s) affected to STIN to regulate the audience to whom the material may be distributed without further coordination with the STINFO.

Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC). The DoD organization, headquartered at Ft Belvoir, VA, serving as the repository for all DoD STIN.

Export Controlled. A distribution restriction put on Critical Technology information restricting to U.S. Government Agencies and private individuals or enterprises eligible to obtain it. Severe criminal penalties are associated with violation of this distribution restriction.

Foreign National: A person that is not a US National. A person carrying a "green card" is considered a U.S. national for purposes of these regulations.

Information Determination: For unclassified, controlled military information (UCMI), a determination if the information is STIN, Export Controlled, and the proper Distribution Statement to assign. For other than Distribution Statement A, the Destruction Statement is also included.

Originator: The office(s) or individual(s) responsible for generating the information. May or may not be associated with, via employment or contractual agreement, the controlling DoD office.

Primary Distribution: The initial distribution of or access to technical information authorized by the controlling DoD office.

Secondary Distribution: Release of technical information provided after primary distribution by other than the originator or controlling DoD office. It includes loaning, allowing the reading of, or releasing of information outright, in whole or in part. Secondary distribution can only be made to requestors who fall within the bounds of the information determinations, have the appropriate need to know (classified documents) and are (for Export Controlled data) certified with the Joint Certification Office (JCO) at the Defense Logistics Services Center (DLSC). Ref AFI 61-204, paragraph 1.

STIN: Scientific and Technical Information.

STINFO: Scientific and Technical Information Officer. The official in charge of administrating the STIN program.

UCMI: Unclassified, Controlled Military Information. Unclassified information which is restricted from distribution to the general public.

US citizen: A person recognized by US laws as a citizen of the United States. For purposes of the Export Control law this includes foreign nationals holding a "green card." For persons that have been convicted of a felony (if that information is known), seek legal counsel before releasing UCMI.

Wider Audience: In context of determining secondary release of UCMI by other than the controlling DoD office, the comparison of the audience the information has already been released to with the intended audience for the re-release, a "higher" number in the following groups: 1) Controlling DoD Office's Command, 2) DoD organizations, 3) US Government organizations, 4) US citizens, 5) - foreign nationals. Contractors authorized to conduct business with US Government agencies may be included within any of the first three groups at the Controlling Office's discretion.