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The National Industrial Security Operating Manual (NISPOM) paragraph to which this article pertains is indicated in parenthesis.

Agency Agreements (NISPOM 1-103b.)

Executive Order 12829 (January 6, 1993, as amended), “National Industrial Security Program (NISP)”, states that the heads of Federal agencies shall enter into agreements with the Secretary of Defense that establish the terms of the Secretary’s NISP responsibilities on behalf of those agency heads. NISPOM paragraph 1-103.b. lists the non-Department of Defense (DoD) agencies that have agreements for industrial security services with DoD.

The list is now amended to include the United States Postal Service (USPS). They entered into an agreement with the Department of Defense on March 24, 2016. The addition(s) makes USPS the 31st non-DoD agency(ies)* for which DoD will provide industrial security services.

*ISL 2015-03, announced that the Department of Defense and the Associate Commissioner, Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness, Social Security Administration (SSA) entered into an agreement that made SSA the 30th non-DoD agency.