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CHAPTER 18

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

1801 GENERAL

180101. Purpose

This chapter provides regulatory policy on the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts. Guidance references are from United States Code (U.S.C.), Public Law (PL), Department of Defense (DoD) and agency regulations.

180102. Authoritative Guidance

[The authoritative references are listed at the end of this chapter.](#)

1802 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

PL 89-554, enacted September 6, 1966, commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and codified in [Title 5, U.S.C., section 552](#), as amended, provides for openness in government and making information available to the public. [DoD Directive \(DoDD\) 5400.07](#), DoD Freedom of Information Act Program, provides guidance on 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and prescribes uniform policies and procedures for the DoD implementation of the FOIA.

1803 PRIVACY ACT

PL 93-579, enacted December 31, 1974, commonly known as the Privacy Act of 1974 and codified in 5 U.S.C. § 552a, as amended, safeguards individual privacy by governing the collection, safeguarding, maintenance, public notice, use, access, amendment, and dissemination of personal information. [DoDD 5400.11](#), DoD Privacy Program, provides guidance on 5 U.S.C. § 552a, as amended, and prescribes uniform procedures for implementation of the DoD Privacy Program.

1804 ADMINISTRATION

Administration of the FOIA and the Privacy Act must be in accordance with the respective Component regulations and instructions.

180401. Army

Army administration of the FOIA and the Privacy Act must be in accordance with Army Regulations (AR) [AR 25-55](#), [AR 25-22](#), and Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), [part 518](#).

180402. Air Force

Air Force administration of the FOIA and the Privacy Act must be in accordance with [*DoD 5400.7-R Air Force Manual 33-302*](#) and [*Air Force Instruction 33-332*](#).

180403. Navy

Navy administration of the FOIA and the Privacy Act must be in accordance with Secretary of the Navy Instructions (SECNAVINST) [*5720.42F*](#) and SECNAVINST [*5211.5E*](#).

180404. Marine Corps

Marine Corps administration of the FOIA and the Privacy Act must be in accordance with SECNAVINST 5720.42F and SECNAVINST 5211.5E.

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PL 89-554, September 6, 1966
PL 90-23, June 5, 1967
PL 93-502, November 21, 1974
PL 94-409, September 13, 1976
PL 95-454, October 13, 1978
PL 98-620, November 8, 1984
5 U.S.C. § 552, as enacted by PL 89-554,
thereafter, amended by PL 90-23, PL 93-502,
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