

The Department of Homeland Security has established a department wide IT security program and organization based on the following Executive orders, public laws, and national policy.

- Public Law 107-296, Homeland Security Act of 2002
- Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002, November 25, 2002.
- Public Law 104-106, Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 [formerly, Information Technology Management Reform Act (ITMRA)], February 10, 1996.
- Privacy Act of 1974, As Amended. 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) 552a, Public Law 93-579, Washington, DC, July 14, 1987.
- The National Security Act of 1947, dated July 26, 1947
- Executive Order 13231, *Critical Infrastructure Protection in the Information Age*, October 16, 2001.
- Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 (HSPD-7), *Critical Infrastructure Identification, Prioritization, and Protection*, December 17, 2003
- Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12), *Policy for A Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors*, August 27, 2004
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-130, *Management of Federal Information Resources*.
- 5 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §2635, Office of Government Ethics, *Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch*.
- Department of State 12 Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM) 600, *Information Security Technology*, June 22, 2000.
- Department of State 12 FAM 500, *Information Security*, October 1, 1999.
- Executive Order 12472, *Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions*, dated April 3, 1984
- Executive Order 12656, *Assignment of Emergency Preparedness Responsibilities*, dated November 18, 1988, as amended
- Presidential Decision Directive 67, *Enduring Constitutional Government and Continuity of Government Operations*, dated October 21, 1998.
- Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 1236, *Management of Vital Records*, revised as of July 1, 2000
- FEMA Federal Preparedness Circular 65, *Federal Executive Branch Continuity of Operations (COOP)*, dated July 26, 1999
- FEMA Federal Preparedness Circular 66, *Test, Training and Exercise (TT&E) for Continuity of Operations (COOP)*, dated April 30, 2001
- FEMA Federal Preparedness Circular 67, *Acquisition of Alternate Facilities for Continuity of Operations*, dated April 30, 2001

- Various National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publications, (e.g., 800-16, 800-26, 800-34, 800-37, 800-50, 800-53) and Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) (e.g., FIPS 199).
- Various DHS Management Directives (e.g., MD 0470.1, MD 4400.1, MD 4500.1, MD 4600.1, MD 11042.1, MD 11050.2)