



FACT SHEET: Defence Security of Information Agreements / Arrangements (SIAs)

What is an SIA?

Security of Information Agreements and Arrangements (SIAs) are formal government commitments that establish reciprocal security standards for protecting classified information exchanged between Australia and our international partners.

Put simply, an SIA specifies the conditions under which classified information can be exchanged with foreign governments, nationals and organisations.

How is information shared under an SIA?

The existence of an SIA does not provide blanket approval for foreign release of classified information. Defence has documented processes that Defence and Defence industry must follow to share Official Information with foreign partners.

The process for foreign release of Official Information under an SIA is outlined in the [Defence Security Principles Framework \(DSPF\) Principle 15 and Control 15.1](#).

Any sharing of classified information by Defence industry with foreign partners must be done in accordance with the relevant SIA, Project Security Instructions, and the DSPF.

Prior to commencing any process to release classified information Defence industry should seek advice from their contract/project manager.

Which Defence SIAs contain Industrial Provisions?

SIAs with provisions that support the sharing of classified information with industry are currently held with the following countries and organisations:

- Canada
- Denmark
- European Union
- France
- Germany
- Israel
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Spain
- South Africa
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States of America

The correct application of foreign release of Official Information protocols and processes is fundamental for Defence to protect our military capability edge now and into the future.

Under Australian law, failure to safeguard Official Information appropriately can result in criminal charges and imprisonment.

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