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**(U) DEFINITIONS:**

**(U//FOUO) Information security device or system:** A device or system that provides any of the following services for communications or information systems: confidentiality, data integrity, authentication and authorization.

**(U//FOUO) Cryptanalytic vulnerability:** A flaw in the design, implementation or system integration of cryptography used in an information security device, or a flaw in the way that a cryptographic information security device is used.

**(U//FOUO) Unintended cryptographic vulnerability:** Security is less than advertised by the manufacturer.

**(U//FOUO) Indigenous:** Non-commercial cryptographic information security system or device developed by a SIGINT target.

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