6. COSICS and EDP Security

EDP Security Policy

The Departmental EDP Security Policy is contained in the *Manual of Security Instructions*. The policy applies to the operation or use of all computers, both minicomputers, and microcomputers which process departmental data or information; it also applies to the system development and programming activities related to these computers.

> Security requirements must be included in the design of computer-based applications.

Microcomputer security policy

> Departmental policies covering the secure use of micro-computers, both standalone and networked, are contained in the *Manual of Security instructions*.

COSICS

The Canadian On-line Secure Information Communication System (COSICS) is scheduled to be progressively installed at Headquarters, Missions and other approved locations. All employees must adhere to security policy requirements when using or interfacing with COSICS. As COSICS is established, departmental employees will be briefed on its security requirements.

Security classification on documents

The EDP Security Policy requires that reports and documents printed by COSICS and other EDP Systems contain the security classification prominently displayed on the first or on all pages, as required by the security classification of the data.