

Sensitive Targeting Authorisation (STA) Reference COP5377

**STA: AUTHORITY TO TARGET AN INDIVIDUAL/ORGANISATION WITH A SENSITIVE NATIONALITY OR IN A SENSITIVE LOCATION**

\* Mandatory fields for applicant

# Mandatory fields for authorising officer

\* **To** (Enter the name of the authorising officer):

* <b>From</b> (Analyst name)	* <b>Business Unit</b>	* 

* <b>Quality checked by</b> (name)	* <b>Business Unit</b>	* 

(SDO signing out of hours – please enter analyst name and BU owning targeting)

* <b>Today's date</b>	
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* <b>Tasking or Datamining</b> (see notes below)	
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Notes:

1. For tasking requests: this form is not to be used for addresses in the British Islands (ie: the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) except with OPP-LEG agreement.
2. For content database searches only (datamining): this form may be used for addresses in the British Islands, and must then be sent to an authorised SCS officer for approval. **In these cases one historical search only can be conducted within two working days of the approval and these STAs cannot be renewed.**  
For datamining overseas: permitted for a one-week period only and cannot be renewed.
3. SDO can only authorise OOH. Appropriate authorisation should be sought at earliest opportunity on the next working day.
4. All STAs (new and renewal) must be quality checked – this is a mandatory requirement. Any application not quality checked will be returned.
5. If a target enters a sensitive location, reevaluate your tasking and detask or seek appropriate authorisation.
6. It is not necessary have a COP ref number to submit a new application – you will be advised of the COP number upon receipt of email authorisation.
7. Once you have completed the form for either a new application or renewal, email it to the appropriate [authorising officer](#) who will then 'email authorise' and send a copy to you and STAUPDATE-GCHQ.

8. As of 1 June 2007 STAs will only be accepted in soft copy form.

**TASKING and DATAMINING overseas – Grade 6 authorisation**

Ignore this section if not required

Target	Aliases	Current Location <b>MUST NOT BE</b> British Islands	Nationality	Number/term Add date of inclusion of new selectors on STA (for renewals only)	UK EYES ONLY

**DATAMINING UK-based targets – SCS authorisation – RENEWAL NOT PERMITTED**

Ignore this section if not required

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**INTELLIGENCE CASE**

The intelligence case must include sufficient information to allow a senior member of GCHQ to make an informed judgement as to the **reasonableness** and **proportionality** of the request, as described in the GCHQ Compliance Document. Please indicate how long this authorisation is required for and ensure that proportionality issues are taken into account.

JIC Requirement	MIRANDA number	Duration - Max. 6 months (see note above)

<b>* Primary customer(s) for intelligence:</b>	
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**\* Enter intelligence case and expand as required here:**

**Authorising officer details:**

**Name:**  
**Position:**  
**Date:**

<b>Expiry Date</b>	
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<b>Comments (in box below)</b>

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### RENEWAL CASE – Tasking only

The renewal case must include sufficient information to allow a senior member of GCHQ to make an informed judgement as to the **reasonableness** and **proportionality** of the request, as described in the GCHQ Compliance Document.

* Renewal requestor (Analyst name)	* Business Unit	* 

* Quality checked by (name)	* Business Unit	* 

- Any form not quality checked will be returned
- Renewals are only available for tasking requests
- Application for renewal – Please create a new page for each renewal and include any comments made by previous authorising officer
- Please indicate clearly the required expiry date and the name of the appropriate authorising officer – **a maximum of 6 months from the date of expiry, not the date of signing**
- Ensure that **all** active selectors for this target are recorded on the form (including any new ones)
- The renewal case should include full details of what the targeting has produced to date. If no intelligence has been produced details of why should be included

**\* Enter renewal case and expand as required here:**