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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: VMware ESXi Version 5 vCenter Server Security Technical Implementation Guide (STIG) Version 1

Reference: DoD Directive 8500.1

1. DoD Directive 8500.1 requires that "all IA and IA-enabled IT products incorporated into DoD information systems shall be configured in accordance with DoD approved security configuration guidelines" and tasks DISA to "develop and provide security configuration guidance for IA and IA-enabled IT products in coordination with Director NSA."
2. Virtual installations of the vCenter Server (vCS) and Update Manager (vUM) will require manual management or additional vCS/vUM installations. Note that there is additional risk associated with manually updating a hypervisor (host), its virtual machines (VMs), guest operating systems (gOS), and/or applications. Manual updates will require the discrete identification of patch dependencies in order to ensure host, VM, and/or gOS compliance.
3. Under the authority of DoD Directive 8500.1, DISA hereby releases the VMware ESXi Version 5 vCenter Server Security Technical Implementation Guide (STIG) Version 1 for immediate use as a DoD-approved security configuration guideline. The guide is available on <http://iase.disa.mil>.
4. Point of contact for this action is FSO STIG Support Desk, email: [disa.letterkenny.FSO.mbx.stig-customer-support-mailbox@mail.mil](mailto:disa.letterkenny.FSO.mbx.stig-customer-support-mailbox@mail.mil).

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