From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY MATERIAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Ref: (a) DoD Instruction 8523.01 of 22 April 2008
(b) SECNAVINST 5215.1E
(c) DON CIO Memorandum for Record, Assignment of DON COMSEC Responsibilities, 14 May 2012, UNSECNAV Concurrence (15 May 2012) NOTAL
(d) CNSSI 4005, Safeguarding Communications Security (COMSEC) Facilities and Materials, 22 August 2011
(e) SECNAVINST 5400.15C CH-1
(f) SECNAVINST 2251.1
(g) CJCSI 6510.02E, Cryptographic Modernization Planning, 1 April 2014

1. Purpose. This instruction:

   a. Establishes and implements Department of the Navy (DON) Communications Security (COMSEC) Material Program policy per reference (a) and the authority in reference (b).

   b. Authorizes the publication of DON COMSEC Material Control System (CMCS) implementing procedures.

2. Definitions. Reference (a) provides definitions of terms used in this instruction.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the offices of the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), and the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC); all U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps installations, commands, activities, and field offices; and all other organizational entities within the DON.
4. **Policy.** The DON shall develop, acquire, operate, maintain, and dispose of COMSEC materials to maintain the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information not approved for public release consistent with national and Department of Defense (DoD) policy established in references (a) through (d).

5. **Responsibilities**

   a. Department of the Navy Chief Information Officer (DON CIO) shall:

      (1) Provide DON COMSEC policy and oversight per reference (c).

      (2) Conduct COMSEC material program policy reviews annually or in concert with policy issuance revisions by higher authority to ensure DON-wide policy awareness and the policy’s continued applicability and compliance with national and DoD policy.

   b. Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition (ASN (RD&A)) shall:

      (1) Provide policy and oversight, per reference (e), to ensure Naval Acquisition Executive (NAE) organizations’ lifecycle management includes compliance with national, DoD and DON COMSEC policy, directives, criteria, standards, and doctrine.

      (2) Ensure that NAE organizations execute material and fiscal planning to develop, sustain, and modernize COMSEC capabilities for warfighting systems throughout the system lifecycle, consistent with requirements stated in references (e), (f), and (g).

      (3) Ensure NAE organizations with COMSEC material accounts execute and manage CMCS responsibilities and support DON COMSEC account assessment evaluations directed by the DON COMSEC Service Authority (SA).
c. CNO and CMC shall:

(1) Ensure Service implementation of all applicable national, DoD, and DON COMSEC policy, directives, criteria, standards, and doctrine.

(2) Ensure validated Service COMSEC requirements are forwarded to the Director, National Security Agency, as necessary to support procurement activities per reference (a).

(3) Ensure validated Service COMSEC requirements are considered during Program Objective Memorandum development per reference (h).

(4) Plan, program, fund, implement, manage, and provide logistics lifecycle management support, including modernization, for COMSEC materials, consistent with cryptographic devices guidance provided in references (f), (g), and (h).

(5) Ensure Service execution, management, and oversight of CMCS responsibilities per reference (d).

(6) Establish and maintain a Service CMCS assessment program to evaluate CMCS compliance with national, DoD, Joint Staff, and DON policy and procedures.

(7) Develop and maintain instructions, procedures, training programs, and software systems to ensure uniform application of the policies contained herein.

d. CNO, in addition to responsibilities directed in paragraph 5c, shall:

(1) Administer the DON COMSEC material program on behalf of the SECNAV, including documentation of all processes and procedures.

(2) In coordination with ASN (RD&A), DON CIO, and CMC, develop COMSEC policy and procedures as required to support DON-wide implementation of applicable national and DoD COMSEC policy, directives, criteria, standards, and doctrine.
(3) Ensure the development and implementation of detailed DON guidance and procedures for issuing COMSEC material to U.S. defense contractors under contract to the DON.

(4) Designate an organization to fulfill the responsibilities of the COMSEC SA per references (a) and (d). This includes establishing and maintaining a DON-wide Central Office of Record COMSEC assessment program to evaluate compliance with national, DoD, Joint Staff, and DON policy and procedures. Assessment shall include effectiveness of COMSEC incident reporting, effectiveness of controlled cryptographic item accountability, currency and accuracy of the cryptographic access program, employment of standardized COMSEC training, and general CMCS compliance.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per SECNAV Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

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