OPNAV INSTRUCTION 4000.79C

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: POLICY FOR U.S. NAVY PROVISION AND SUPPORT OF SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD

Ref: (a) 14 U.S.C.
(b) 10 U.S.C.
(c) DoD Instruction 4000.19 of 25 April 2013
(d) The National Fleet Plan of August 2015
(e) Charter of the National Fleet Board of 9 Jul 2013 (NOTAL)

1. Purpose

   a. To issue the U.S. Navy’s policy on support of specific equipment and systems provided to and in use by the U.S. Coast Guard, and to assign responsibility for carrying out this policy. This is a complete revision and should be read in its entirety.

   b. This revision adds responsibilities for Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Information Warfare (CNO N2N6); Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Fleet Readiness and Logistics (CNO N4); Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Operations, Plans & Strategy (CNO N3/N5); and Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Director, Surface Warfare Division (OPNAV N96).

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 4000.79B.

3. Applicability and Scope. This instruction applies to Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) N-codes and systems commands’ commanders who provide support to the Coast Guard.

4. Background. References (a) sections 2, 3, and 145, and (b) sections 101 and 2571 provide the statutory basis for the working relationship between the Navy and the Coast Guard. Reference (c) governs Department of Defense (DoD) policies and principles for intra-agency and interagency support.

5. Policy. It is Navy policy to ensure that the Coast Guard is prepared to carry out assigned naval warfare tasks mutually agreed upon by the two Services, and to enter into support agreements with the Coast Guard, per references (a) through (e).
6. **Responsibility**

   a. CNO (N4) is responsible for issuing policy, responsibilities, and processes for Navy support of specific equipment and systems to the Coast Guard.

   b. CNO (N2N6) will

      (1) inform the Coast Guard of plans to replace, modify, or retire telecommunications systems that are used by the Coast Guard in support of Navy and DoD missions and joint operations;

      (2) plan, program, budget, and procure all communication and associated equipment, including maintenance and training support, to ensure alignment with Coast Guard’s interoperability with Navy telecommunications systems in support of Navy and DoD missions, joint operations, and exercises;

      (3) provide sponsorship for connectivity to DoD networks and telecommunications services to enable Coast Guard’s interoperability for validated homeland defense and maritime domain awareness missions and functions, and enhance situational awareness and intelligence sharing;

      (4) designate Coast Guard activities as key management infrastructure holders;

      (5) assign Navy’s key management infrastructure account numbers; and

      (6) provide key management infrastructure and communications tactical publications for the Coast Guard.

   c. CNO (N3/N5) is responsible for publishing references (d) and (e).

   d. The Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Director, Policy Division (OPNAV N51) will co-chair the Navy and Coast Guard permanent joint working group, per references (d) and (e), to coordinate and review the Coast Guard’s role in surface and expeditionary warfare as well as Coast Guard systems requirements, modifications, or upgrades, per this instruction.

   e. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources (CNO N8), will plan, program, and budget, within overall Navy priorities, for specified Navy military equipment, systems, and logistics support requirements for Coast Guard units to ensure that the Coast Guard is prepared to execute naval warfare tasks in consonance with Navy units. This includes both Active and Reserve Components.
f. OPNAV N96 will co-chair the permanent joint working group, per references (d) and (e), to coordinate and review the Coast Guard’s role in surface and expeditionary warfare as well as Coast Guard systems requirements, modifications, or upgrades, per this instruction.

g. Systems commands’ commanders will:

   (1) Create and maintain a memorandum of agreement or memorandum of understanding with the Coast Guard to address specific system support.

   (2) Provide, in conjunction with supported program executive offices and within appropriate priorities, the peacetime and wartime effort necessary to translate required task capabilities from the CNO into hardware systems and logistics support for Coast Guard units.

h. Fleet commanders will, based on official requests from Coast Guard field operational and support units and within appropriate priorities, provide facilities, logistics support, and other services, consistent with the provisions of memoranda of agreement or memoranda of understanding between the Navy and the Coast Guard for interagency logistics support of specified equipment and systems.

7. Records Management

   a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned for the standard subject identification codes (SSIC) 1000, 2000, and 4000 through 13000 series per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy/Assistant for Administration (DON/AA), Directives and Records Management Division (DRMD) portal page at https://portal.seacn.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx. For SSIC 3000 series dispositions, please refer to part III, chapter 3, of Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

   b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact your local records manager or the DON/AA DRMD program office.

8. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Director, Supply, Ordnance and Logistics Operations Division (OPNAV N41) will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 5 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 5-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST
5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

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