SECNAV INSTRUCTION 5430.11G

From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: PRESCRIBING CHANNELS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND

Ref: (a) DoD Directive 5158.04 of 31 August 2018
(b) DFARS PGI 202.101
(c) DoD 7000.14-R Volumes 1-15, Department of Defense Financial Management Regulations
(d) SECNAV M-5210.1

1. Purpose. To prescribe the continuation of the Military Sealift Command (MSC) as a major component of the Operating Forces of the United States Navy and those channels through which Commander, Military Sealift Command (COMMSC) will be responsible to the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) and the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO).

2. Cancellation. SECNAVINST 5430.11F.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the MSC as a major component of the Operating Forces of the United States Navy and those channels through which COMMSC will be responsible to the SECNAV and the CNO.

4. Policy. OPNAVNOTE 3111 of 22 May 2006 administratively realigned COMMSC under CNO and Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (COMUSFLTFORCOM) for Navy-wide alignment of training, manning, and equipping responsibilities. COMUSFLTFORCOM is the Budget Submitting Office for COMMSC. This notice also directed the assignment of MSC as the Navy’s Service Component to Commander, U.S. Transportation Command (CDRUSTRANSCOM). Reference (a) designated CDRUSTRANSCOM as the Department of Defense (DoD) single manager for transportation, other than Service-unique or theater-assigned assets, and assigned MSC under CDRUSTRANSCOM Combatant Command (COCOM). Reference (b) established procurement policy designating MSC as a Navy head of contracting activity. In executing both the Navy’s responsibilities, and to support CDRUSTRANSCOM’s
responsibilities, MSC, as a Navy head of contracting activity, is responsible to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition) (ASN (RD&A)) for procurement policy oversight. Further, COMMSC, as the Navy component commander, assists CDRUSTRANSCOM in his or her responsibility for formulating DoD transportation acquisition policy. Reference (c) provides guidance for Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller) (ASN (FM&C)) to exercise policy supervision of fiscal reporting. Reference (d) provides guidelines and procedures for the proper administration of a records management program.

5. Responsibilities

a. The CNO will serve as resource sponsor for Navy-unique sealift assets and support SECNAV’s responsibility for manning, training, organizing, equipping, and maintaining Navy sealift forces. CNO, through COMUSFLTFORCOM, will ensure that MSC is using its resources in the most effective manner while executing its missions and responsibilities. To ensure MSC’s effectiveness, MSC will provide periodic reports with financial and readiness metrics to CNO, through COMUSFLTFORCOM, as directed.

b. Under COMUSFLTFORCOM, COMMSC shall be responsible for organizing, training and equipping assigned Service-unique forces, for mission areas funded by the Navy Working Capital Fund and uniquely Navy Service related mission areas. To carry out these responsibilities, COMMSC is designated as the type commander for all Navy-unique fleet support, special mission, and Navy-funded afloat prepositioned ships, as well as other assets assigned to the Navy by other government agencies, as authorized.

c. As directed by reference (a), MSC and Navy assets assigned to CDRUSTRANSCOM (in accordance with the Global Force Management Implementation Guidance assignment tables) are under the COCOM (command authority) of CDRUSTRANSCOM for the purposes of providing common-user DoD sea transportation services, Secretary of Defense approved missions, or other uses appropriately vetted through the services or theater commanders for whom their primary purpose is intended to support. Accordingly, COMMSC will continue to have a reporting relationship to CDRUSTRANSCOM for combatant commander issues and
in support of its role as the distribution process owner, providing common-user DoD sea transportation services for mission areas funded by the Transportation Working Capital Fund.

d. COMMSc responsibilities in support of both COMUSFLTFORCOM and CDRUSTRANSCOM include:

(1) Providing, through either civil service personnel or contractors, all necessary support services for such assigned ships, including crews, Navy Reserve manpower support, maintenance, repair, alteration, and husbanding;

(2) Exercising authorities over assigned or attached forces as delegated by higher authority;

(3) Acting as principal advisor for all matters related to sealift;

(4) Planning and providing type and operational training, and logistic support to sealift ships.

e. ASN (RD&A) shall:

(1) Establish procurement policy respecting MSC as a Navy head of contracting activity as designated by reference (b);

(2) Provide such authorities as are necessary for MSC to procure such supplies, services, and capabilities as are necessary to support Navy or CDRUSTRANSCOM requirements.

f. ASN (FM&C) shall exercise policy supervision with respect to fiscal reporting, as well as statistical, analytical, accounting, and budgeting procedures consistent with reference (c) and other appropriate policies and procedures, including those associated with administration of the National Defense Sealift Fund.

6. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned according to the records disposition schedules
found on the Directives and Records Management Division (DRMD) portal page:  

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 DRMD program office.

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