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From: Chief of Naval Operations
Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

Subj: U.S. NAVY - U.S. COAST GUARD COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 4000.79A, Policy for U.S. Navy Support to the U.S. Coast Guard
(b) Joint Publication 6-0, Joint Communications Systems

1. Purpose. To issue the Navy and Coast Guard policies for mutual support and interoperability of telecommunication systems and communication networks.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 2000.20C.

3. Background. Reference (a) provides the U.S. Navy's policy on support of the U.S. Coast Guard and assigns responsibility for carrying out this policy. Additionally, it establishes policy for the interchange of property and services. Reference (b) sets forth joint doctrine to ensure effective communications system support to joint operations.

4. Policy. Navy and Coast Guard communication systems, while primarily supporting respective individual service requirements, will be directed toward:

a. Interoperability between the Navy and Coast Guard networks.

b. Avoidance of unnecessary duplication of systems, equipment and facilities.

c. Standardization of communications methods and procedures, where appropriate and necessary for interoperability.

d. The facilities and services of the Navy and the Coast Guard being mutually available for handling official messages, where facilities are available, and where such action does not interfere with current operations.

e. Local area Navy - Coast Guard agreements concluded by representatives of the two services and approved by the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard (COMDT COGARD), and the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) should be used to implement specific local area aspects not covered in this instruction.

5. Action. Per reference (a), the following actions are directed:

a. Coast Guard will:

(1) Where Navy - Coast Guard interoperability requirements exist, Memorandum of Understanding/Memorandum of Agreements are in place and funding issues have been resolved, the Coast Guard will ensure that policies, procedures and telecommunication systems of the Coast Guard permit interoperability with the Navy.

(2) Inform CNO (N6) of all telecommunications equipment, funding and support needed to fulfill assigned Navy/DoD missions.

(3) Oversee the installation, operation, and maintenance of all Navy communications equipment installed at or on Coast Guard facilities (shore, ship, or air) in support of Navy missions.

(4) Ensure that Coast Guard Communications Security Material System (CMS) holders are responsible to the Navy for accounting and handling of CMS material following current instructions.

b. CNO will:

(1) Inform COMDT COGARD (CG-6) of plans to replace, modify, or retire telecommunications systems which are used by the Coast Guard in the support of Navy/DoD missions and joint operations.

(2) Plan, program, budget for and procure all communication and associated equipment, including maintenance and training support, to ensure alignment with reference (b) and interoperability with Navy Telecommunications Systems in support of Navy/DoD missions as well as joint operations and exercises that the Coast Guard participates in with the Navy.

(3) Provide sponsorship for connectivity to DoD networks and telecommunications services to enable interoperability as needed by the Coast Guard for validated Homeland Defense and

(4) Maritime Domain Awareness missions and functions, as well as to enhance situational awareness and intelligence sharing between the Navy and the Coast Guard.

(5) Designate Coast Guard activities as CMS holders, assign Navy CMS account numbers, and provide CMS and Communications Tactical (COMTAC) Publications for the Coast Guard.

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