

C13. CHAPTER 13

FUEL ALLOCATION

C13.1. GENERAL. This chapter applies to DoD petroleum locations worldwide. It addresses fuel allocation procedures and responsibilities of the Joint Materiel Priorities and Allocation Board (JMPAB), the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Military Services, Combatant Commanders, and other DoD Components.

C13.2. POLICY.

C13.2.1. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall develop and USD (A&T) shall approve planning factors regarding days of supply (DOS) in support of war reserve fuels that are considered valid.

C13.2.2. The JMPAB shall act for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in fuel allocation matters.

C13.2.3. DESC Commander shall provide a technical adviser to the JMPAB Secretariat and a senior-level adviser to the JMPAB to assist in fuel allocation deliberations.

C13.2.4. Fuel shortages may require allocation decisions by JMPAB if DESC, the Military Services, and Combatant Commanders cannot agree on fuel distribution during tight fuel availability situations.

C13.3. RESPONSIBILITIES

C13.3.1. The Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff shall develop and USD (A&T) approve planning factors regarding day of supply (DOS) in support of war reserve fuel that are considered valid.

C13.3.2. JMPAB. The purpose of JMPAB is to act as the sole agency charged with performing duties for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in matters that establish materiel priorities or allocate resources. (CJCSI 4110.01B). Requests for JMPAB allocation action will be made only under extreme situations, when it is anticipated that DESC fuel distribution planning and actions will result in ultimate supply failure or in unacceptable degradation of wartime sustainability (war reserve drawdown). It is neither practical nor desirable for JMPAB to automatically assume complete allocation responsibility for defense fuels when an area or region falls below the war reserve stockage level. The reasons are twofold: (1) day-to-day allocations of individual fuel cargoes constitute a primary charter responsibility for DESC and (2) the actual or anticipated drawdown of DFSP inventories below the established war reserve level, while certainly less than satisfactory, has varying degrees of significance for various products in various areas and regions.

C13.3.3. DESC shall:

C13.3.3.1. Distribute available fuel in accordance with established supply management

procedures. Procedures are shaped and tempered by customer demand, quantities, and source on existing contracts, peacetime and war reserve stockage levels, knowledge of anticipated contract coverage for specific areas, and negotiations with the Military Services and Combatant Commands. In those cases where DESC is unable to facilitate a customer's request, the JMPAB will take action.

C13.3.3.2. Assign a technical adviser to the JMPAB to resolve fuel allocation issues.

C13.3.3.3. Maintain communication with its customers when quantities to be shipped are less than those requested by the customers.

C13.3.3.4. Advise customers of the reasons for less-than-requested fuel shipments or cargo diversions, as well as anticipated get-well dates, if known.

C13.3.3.5. Provide information on the overall fuel situation, extent of contract coverage, and efforts underway to overcome deficiencies relative to less-than requested fuel shipments.

C13.4. PROCEDURES

C13.4.1. Requests for JMPAB Action

C13.4.1. When a Military Service or command disagrees with the distribution plans and actions of DESC in supply shortage situations, bilateral discussions with appropriate DESC personnel must first take place. The object of such discussions is to attempt resolution of disagreements without having to resort to JMPAB adjudication.

C13.4.1.2. If bilateral discussions fail to achieve satisfactory results, the Military Service or command may request deliberation and adjudication by JMPAB; requests must be made via message or memorandum to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, with information copy to DESC-B, and must include the following data:

C13.4.1.2.1. Product(s) in question.

C13.5.1.2.2. Area affected.

C13.5.1.2.3. Current inventory status to include barrels on hand at all DFSPs, number of combat DOS provided by that inventory; PWRS level, number of combat DOS provided by that level and, if applicable, projected consumption for the next 60 days.

C13.5.1.2.4. Resupply forecast provided by DESC.

C13.5.1.2.5. Impact, if any, on operations.

C13.5.1.2.6. Other data, as appropriate, such as potential for host-nation support, replacement- in-kind or fuel exchange agreements, pending tanker receipt, etc.

C13.5.1.3. When advised of the request for JMPAB action, DESC-F shall provide the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff the present inventory for each region worldwide for the product being discussed, including intransit inventory. Such data, plus any comments deemed appropriate, must reach the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff within 48 hours.

C13.5.2. JMPAB Action

C13.5.2.1. Upon receipt of a fuel allocation request, the Secretary of the JMPAB Secretariat shall prepare a decision package for deliberation by the JMPAB. The package must address the following:

C13.5.2.1.1. The situation depicted by the incoming request.

C13.5.2.1.2. Comparison situations reflecting (for the product in question) worldwide status, and the status of other Military Services or Combatant Commands.

C13.5.2.1.3. Advice and data provided by DESC regarding long-range projections, possibilities of cargo diversions, and feasibility of stock redistribution.

C13.5.2.1.4. Impact statement(s) regarding possible cargo diversions and stock redistribution.

C13.5.2.2. The Secretary of the JMPAB Secretariat shall ensure that the decision package includes all pertinent data, in particular, the operational impacts of the various options available.

C13.5.2.3. The JMPAB Secretariat shall meet to develop a recommended position for inclusion in the decision package and will place the matter before JMPAB. Once concurrence is obtained, an implementing memorandum or message in the name of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall be prepared and dispatched to the appropriate Military Service(s), Combatant Command(s), DLA, and DESC.

C13.5.2.5. The memorandum or message that transmits JMPAB decisions will specify the duration of the decision. Based on the circumstances of each case, the memorandum or message shall state whether the decision affects only specific stock redistribution actions or will apply to all DESC distribution actions until a specific inventory level is achieved in the affected region/area.

C13.5.2.6. For wartime, the same basic procedures as outlined above will be followed except that the communications, processing, and decision-making processes will be streamlined. REPOL and Situation Reports established by the Joint Reporting System will be employed, as appropriate, to identify potential problems and to assist the JMPAB.

C13.5.3. DESC Accelerated Action. If the situation demands action before the administrative process is complete, the DESC Commander or Director shall so advise the JMPAB Secretariat and request that the decision be expedited. Pending the issuance of a decision, DESC, in coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall proceed with the action it considers most prudent and keep the JMPAB Secretariat informed with respect to the actions being taken.