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SUBJECT: DoD Executive Agent (DoD EA) for Subsistence

References: (a) Section 113 of title 10, United States Code
(b) DoD Directive 5101.1, DoD Executive Agent, September 3, 2002
(c) DoD Directive 8910.1, "Management and Control of Information Requirements," June 11, 1993

1. PURPOSE

Pursuant to the authority of the Secretary of Defense under reference (a), this Directive designates the Director, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) as the DoD Executive Agent (DoD EA) for Subsistence, in accordance with reference (b).

2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Directive:

2.1. Applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all the organizational entities in the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the "DoD Components"). The term "Military Services," as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps.

2.2. Identifies the roles and responsibilities of the DoD EA for Subsistence and its relationship to the Military Services and other applicable agencies worldwide. It applies to all aspects of subsistence support for the U.S. Armed Forces.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. DoD Executive Agent. The Head of a DoD Component to whom the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense has assigned specific responsibilities, functions, and authorities to provide defined levels of support for operational mission or administrative or other designated activities that involve two or more of the DoD Components. The nature and scope of the DoD EA for Subsistence responsibilities, functions, and authorities shall:

3.1.1. Be prescribed at the time of assignment.

3.1.2. Remain in effect until the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense revokes or supersedes them.

3.2. Subsistence (Class I). Food and food-related supplies, including condiments, utensils, paper products, and bottled water.

4. POLICY

It is DoD policy to provide healthy, wholesome, nutritious food items to members of the Armed Forces and other persons the DoD Components feed. A coordinated subsistence acquisition and logistics program shall be properly resourced and operated by the DoD Components in coordination with the DoD BA for Subsistence to provide the same level of efficient and effective worldwide support during peacetime and under military operations.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

5.1. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics shall:

5.1.1. Establish DoD policy and issue appropriate regulations and other written guidance on all matters dealing with subsistence support.

5.1.2. Oversee the subsistence support activities of the DoD BA for Subsistence to assure:

5.1.2.1. That necessary action is taken and finding obtained to ensure that subsistence requirements are synchronized with the development of operational plans and force structure changes.

5.1.2.2. Development of logistics plans to support operations in all environments.

5.1.3. Assess periodically the DoD EA for Subsistence arrangements for continued need, currency, and effectiveness.

5.2. The Director, Defense Logistics Agency is hereby designated as the DoD BA for Subsistence and in that role shall:

5.2.1. In coordination with the Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff develop and implement plans, procedures; and DLA resource requirements for subsistence support.

5.2.2. Plan for, procure, manage, distribute, and insure the wholesomeness of subsistence products throughout the supply chain. Deliver items to locations as mutually agreed to by the Military Services, the Combatant Commands, and the DoD BA for Subsistence.

5.2.3. Maintain authorized war reserve stocks.

5.2.4. In coordination with the Military Services, plan, develop, fund, implement, and maintain the Joint Food Management System.

5.2.5. Establish a joint subsistence policy board, under the chairmanship of the DoD EA for Subsistence, as a means for planning, coordinating, and resolving subsistence-related issues.

5.2.6. Foster greater supply chain integration by assuming mission transfers as mutually agreed to or as directed by higher authority.

5.2.7. Coordinate with the Defense Commissary Agency, Service Exchanges, and other entities on matters of mutual support in overseas locations.

5.2.8. Provide support to non-traditional organizations, as required.

5.3. The Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Directors of Defense Agencies shall:

5.3.1. Provide timely and accurate forecasts of requirements and feedback to the DoD EA for Subsistence regarding the types and quantities of subsistence items to be procured and delivered across the full spectrum of military operations.

5.3.2. Coordinate with the DoD EA for Subsistence in requirements determination, logistics planning, and proposed mission transfers to assure materiel availability during peace and war and to eliminate duplication of effort.

5.3.3. Develop and promulgate intra-Service subsistence employment and support doctrine that is compatible with joint doctrine.

5.3.4. Develop, program, and budget for intra-Service subsistence support, including research and development, in support of the Combatant Commanders operational plans.

5.3.5. Reimburse the DoD EA for Subsistence for goods and services provided and mission transfers, where applicable.

5.4. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall:

5.4.1. Provide guidance on subsistence support for operational plans.

5.4.2. Ensure that the Combatant Commanders assess the adequacy of subsistence support for deployed forces.

5.4.3. Develop, in conjunction with the other DoD Components, joint doctrine for the employment of subsistence resources.

5.4.4. Monitor the Program Objective Memorandum and budget submissions of the Military Departments to ensure that programmed resources support validated requirements.

5.5. The Commanders of the Combatant Commands, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall:

5.5.1. Coordinate with the DoD EA for Subsistence to include subsistence support in the planning and executing military operations, and monitoring subsistence distribution and asset visibility.

5.5.2. Determine for the area of operations the point of physical hand-off and transfer of accountability and responsibility from the DoD BA for Subsistence to the Military Services.

5.5.3. Provide timely and accurate forecasts of requirements and feedback to the DoD BA for Subsistence regarding the types and quantities of subsistence items to be procured and delivered across the full spectrum of military operations.


5.5.4. Ensure that provision is made for the physical protection of non-combatants, the services they provide, and their associated facilities contributing subsistence support to military operations.

6. INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The DoD BA provides management information and reports as required to the Military Services and the Commanders of the Combatant Commands to monitor and improve overall operations in accordance with DoD Directive 8910.1 (reference (c)).

7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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