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SUBJECT: Assignment of Defense Transportation Operational Regulations and Procedures Authority to Commander in Chief, U.S. Transportation Command (CINCTRANS)

Effective December 1, 1998, the responsibility for establishing and approving operational regulations and procedures necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the Defense Transportation System (DTS) will be assigned to CINCTRANS. Transportation policy will remain the purview of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology). Request the Services and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), in partnership with CINCTRANS, effect an orderly transition of this responsibility to ensure that all appropriate actions are accomplished in a timely manner.

The roles and missions of USTRANSCOM have evolved to the extent that we can now eliminate redundancies and further capitalize on the capabilities of this Command. CINCTRANS was previously given authority to consolidate 38 Service and DoD regulations into a single Defense Transportation Regulation. This was a good start. To optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of the DTS, DoD components must be assured that the DTS provides consistent, competitively priced, time-definite delivery service during peace and all levels of conflict. This can best be achieved and maintained by empowering CINCTRANS with the authority to implement necessary operating procedures in appropriate transportation regulations.

I am assigning CINCTRANS responsibility for proponency and approval authority for DoD Regulation 4500.9-R, "Defense Transportation Regulation;" DoD Regulation 4500.9-R-1, "Management and Control of the DoD Intermodal Container System and Management of System 463L Pallets, Nets and Tie-down Equipment;" DoD Regulation 4500.32-R, Volumes I & II, "Military Standard Transportation and Movement Procedures (MILSTAMP);" and DoD Regulation 5030.49-R, "Customs Inspection."



All changes to the assigned regulations will be coordinated with the Services and DLA. Changes impacting electronic commerce will be coordinated with the Joint Electronic Commerce Project Office. Point of contact for this action is Mr. Ken Stombaugh (703) 614-5167, DSN 224-5167.

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