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SUBJECT: Single Manager for Conventional Ammunition (SMCA)

- References:**
- (a) DoD Directive 5160.65, subject as above, April 14, 2004 (hereby canceled)
 - (b) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Establishment of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment," July 13, 2018
 - (c) DoD Instruction 5160.68, Single Manager for Conventional Ammunition (SMCA): Responsibilities of the SMCA, the Military Services, and United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), December 29, 2008
 - (d) Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, "Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction," ratified April 24, 1997¹

1. PURPOSE. This Directive:

- a. Reissues Reference (a) to update policies and responsibilities for the SMCA.
- b. Assigns the SMCA mission within the Department of Defense to the Secretary of the Army.
- c. Authorizes development and publication of implementing joint conventional ammunition policies and procedures by the SMCA, the Military Departments, and the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM).

2. APPLICABILITY

- a. This Directive applies to OSD, the Military Departments (including the Coast Guard at all times, including when it is a Service in the Department of Homeland Security by agreement with that Department), the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the

¹ Available through the Internet at http://www.opcw.org/html/db/cwc/eng/cwc_menu.html

Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the “DoD Components”).

b. The requirements of this Directive shall be incorporated into agreements in which other organizations acquire munitions through the Department of Defense.

3. DEFINITIONS. Terms used in this Directive are defined in the Glossary.

4. POLICY. It is DoD policy that:

a. The DoD Components shall:

(1) Use acquisition strategies that stabilize the business environment and provide incentives for private investment in the production base.

(2) Rely on the private sector to create and sustain ammunition production assets in response to production contracts.

(3) Justify expanded production capability for contingency readiness.

b. The highest possible degree of efficiency and effectiveness shall be achieved in:

(1) The DoD operations required to acquire top quality conventional ammunition for the DoD Components.

(2) Wholesale conventional ammunition logistics functions.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES. See Enclosure.

6. RELEASABILITY. **Cleared for public release.** This Directive is available on the Directives Division Website at <http://www.esd.whs.mil/DD/>.

7. SUMMARY OF CHANGE 2. This change reassigns the office of primary responsibility for this Directive to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment in accordance with the July 13, 2018 Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum (Reference (b))

8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Directive is effective August 1, 2008.

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ENCLOSURE

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION, TECHNOLOGY, AND LOGISTICS (USD(AT&L)). The USD(AT&L) shall:

- a. Provide policy and guidance for the SMCA mission and ensure compliance with the responsibilities outlined in this Directive.
- b. Have principal OSD staff responsibility for SMCA activities and policies.
- c. In collaboration with the other DoD Component Heads, appraise the overall performance of the SMCA in accomplishing the mission objectives outlined in policy paragraph 4.b. and facilitate improvements.

2. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER)(USD)(C)/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO), DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. The USD(C)/CFO shall provide financial management policy and guidance to the SMCA and the DoD Components for the SMCA mission.

3. HEADS OF THE DoD COMPONENTS. The Heads of the DoD Components shall coordinate, collaborate, and support the SMCA mission regarding ammunition functions, responsibilities, and authorities they retain and as specified in this Directive.

4. SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS; COMMANDANT, U.S. COAST GUARD; AND COMMANDER, USSOCOM (CDRUSSOCOM). The Secretaries of the Military Departments; Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; and CDRUSSOCOM shall, in addition to performing the responsibilities in section 3 of this enclosure:

- a. Ensure that all of their activities are consistent with Reference (c).
- b. Retain ammunition acquisition and logistics responsibilities not delegated to the SMCA in Reference (c).
- c. Designate an office(s) through which direct coordination shall be maintained on implementation of SMCA operational responsibilities.

5. SECRETARY OF THE ARMY. The Secretary of the Army, in addition to performing the responsibilities in sections 3 and 4 of this enclosure, shall:

a. Execute the SMCA mission within the Department of Defense. The Secretary of the Army may redelegate, within the Army, authority for execution of the responsibilities outlined in this Directive. The SMCA shall:

(1) To the maximum extent feasible, transition Government-owned ammunition production assets to the private sector.

(2) In coordination with the DoD Components, develop and maintain a process measuring the effectiveness of, while implementing process improvements to, the mission functions listed in DoD Instruction 5160.68 (Reference (c)).

(3) Centrally manage and fund the demilitarization and disposal of conventional ammunition in the SMCA Resource, Recovery, and Disposition Account as explained in Reference (c).

b. Prepare an SMCA charter, in coordination with the Military Departments, to be approved by the USD(AT&L). The charter shall establish the manner in which the responsibilities and authorities assigned to the SMCA shall be executed.

c. Designate a flag officer or civilian equivalent as the individual responsible for executing the functions of the SMCA, hereafter referred to as the SMCA Executor, with responsibilities outlined in Reference (c).

d. Designate a flag officer or civilian equivalent as the Executive Director for Conventional Ammunition (EDCA). The EDCA shall be senior in rank to the SMCA Executor.

e. Maintain a dedicated management organization with joint staffing to assist the EDCA in providing managerial oversight of the execution of the SMCA mission pertaining to joint activities.

f. Approve, in coordination with the Secretaries of the Military Departments, a table of distribution and allowances for the dedicated joint-staffed EDCA management organization listed in paragraph 5.e. of this enclosure.

GLOSSARY

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

These terms and their definitions are for the purposes of this Directive.

conventional ammunition. An end item, complete round, or materiel component charged with explosives, propellants, pyrotechnics, or initiating composition for use in connection with defense or offense (including demolitions) as well as ammunition used for training, ceremonial, or non-operational purposes. This includes inert devices that replicate live ammunition, commonly referred to as dummy ammunition, which contain no explosive materials.

conventional ammunition management. Conventional ammunition management responsibilities are defined and partitioned as follows:

The following items and other ammunition, explosives, and components not specifically excluded herein are assigned for management by the SMCA. All items will include components, such as explosives, propellants, chemical agents, cartridges, propelling charges, projectiles, warheads (with various fillers such as high explosive, illuminating, incendiary, anti-materiel, and anti-personnel), fuzes, boosters, and safe and arm devices in bulk, combination, or separately packaged items of issue for complete round assembly.

Small arms, mortar, automatic cannon, artillery, and ship gun ammunition.

Bombs (cluster, fuel air explosive, general purpose, and incendiary).

Unguided rockets, projectiles, and submunitions.

Chemical ammunition, as permitted by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons Convention (Reference (d)) with various fillers (incendiary, riot control for permitted use, smoke, burster igniters, peptizers, and thickeners for flame fuel).

Land mines (ground-to-ground and air-to-ground delivered).

Demolition materiel.

Grenades.

Flares and pyrotechnics.

Related ammunition containers and packaging materials.

The following are retained for management by the Military Departments and USSOCOM:

Guided projectiles, rockets, missiles, and submunitions.

Naval mines, torpedoes, and depth charges.

Cartridge and propellant-actuated devices.

Chaff and chaff dispensers.

Guidance kits for bombs and other ammunition.

Swimmer weapons.

Explosive ordnance disposal tools and equipment.

Related ammunition containers and packaging materials.