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Section 1: General Issuance Information

1.1. Applicability.

This issuance applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to collectively in this issuance as the “DoD Components”).

1.2. Mission.

a. [This is an example of an “a” level paragraph.]

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1.3. Organization and Management.

Section 2: Responsibilities and Functions

2.1. Title of Official (And Acronym if Not Established Earlier).

The [official]:

a. [A paragraph “a” must have a paragraph “b,” etc.]

b.

2.2. Acronym of Official (If Established Earlier).

The [acronym of official]:

a.

b.

(1)

(2)

(a)

(b)

(3)

c.

2.3. Acronym of Official (If Established Earlier).

The [acronym of official]:

a.

b.

2.4. Acronym of Official (If Established Earlier).

The [acronym of official]:

a.

b.

Section 3: Relationships

3.1. Paragraph Title.

a. Heading.

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c. Heading.

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Section 4: Authorities

4.1. Paragraph Title.

a. Heading.

b. Heading.

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1.

a.

b.

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4.2. Paragraph Title.

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Section 5: Delegations of Authority

5.1. Paragraph Title.

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b. Heading.

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c. Heading.

5.2. Paragraph Title.

Glossary

G.1. Acronyms.

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| ABBREVIATION | use lower case when term is a common noun |
| ACRONYM | Use Title Case When Term is a Proper Noun  Use a hard return in the cell of the last acronym in a letter group |
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| BEGINS WITH “B” |  |
| BEGINS WITH “S” |  |

G.2. Definitions.

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| --- | --- |
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| term | Use lower case when term is a common noun |
| ACRONYM | Use acronyms already established; do not write term out or reestablish acronyms. Acronyms are ordered alphabetically in the definitions section by the acronym, not the term as it would be spelled out. |
| Term | Use Title Case When Term is a Proper Noun  Use a hard return in the cell of each definition to separate it from the next term. |

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