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SECTION 1: GENERAL ISSUANCE INFORMATION

1.1. **APPLICABILITY.**

[Option 1: Standard Applicability Statement] 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 the 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”).

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1.1. **APPLICABILITY.**

[Option 2: Standard Applicability Statement All-inclusive USCG] This issuance 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 Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to collectively in this issuance as the “DoD Components”).

1.1. **APPLICABILITY.**

[Option 3: Standard Administrative Instruction Applicability Statement] This issuance applies to OSD, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities that are serviced by Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) (referred to collectively in this issuance as the “WHS-serviced Components”).

1.2. **POLICY.**

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1.3. **INFORMATION COLLECTIONS.**

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SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

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.

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SECTION 3: SECTION TITLE

3.1. PARAGRAPH TITLE.

a. Heading.

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b. This is what this paragraph level looks like if it does not have a heading.

(1) Heading.

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(a)

(b)

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a. You must manually add the underline at this level. Do not subordinate paragraphs beyond this level.

b.

2.

3.2. PARAGRAPH TITLE.

3.3. PARAGRAPH TITLE.

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SECTION 4: SECTION TITLE

4.1. PARAGRAPH TITLE.

a. Heading.

b. Heading.

(1)

(2)

(a)

(b)

1.

a.

b.

2.

c. Heading.

4.2. PARAGRAPH TITLE.

4.3. PARAGRAPH TITLE.

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G.1. ACRONYMS.

A listing of acronyms is mandatory for issuances over 2 pages using acronyms other than “DoD,” “OSD,” or “U.S.”

ACRONYM	MEANING
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BEGINS WITH “B”	
BEGINS WITH “B”	Use Title Case When Term is a Proper Noun Use a hard return in the cell of the last acronym in a letter group
BEGINS WITH “S”	

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Using a hard return to separate alphabet groups in each table rather than a blank row is necessary because JAWS reads a blank table row as “space space space space space...”

G.2. DEFINITIONS.

Unless otherwise noted, these terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this issuance. [Remove “unless otherwise noted” if not applicable. Delete this text.]

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Term	Use Title Case When Term is a Proper Noun

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