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BUMED INSTRUCTION 4120.2

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: PROCEDURES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DEFENSE STANDARDIZATION AND SPECIFICATION PROGRAM (DSSP)

Ref: (a) Defense Standardization Manual, DoD 4120.3-M, Defense Standardization and Specification Program Policies, Procedures, and Instructions of Aug 1978 (NOTAL)
(b) SECNAVINST 4120.3E (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To provide procedures for Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery's (BUMED) participation in the Defense Standardization and Specification Program (DSSP).

2. Cancellation. NAVMEDCOMINST 4120.1A.

3. Background. The Cataloging and Standardization Act (originally enacted on July 1, 1952, as Public Law (P.L.) 92-436; improved on August 10, 1956, by P.L. 84-1028; and codified as 10 USC 2451-56 in 1976) requires maximum standardization of items, materiels, and engineering practices within the Department of Defense (DoD). The DSSP was implemented by references (a) and (b) and other DoD directives.

4. Objectives. Program objectives are:

a. Improve the operational readiness of the military services.

b. Conserve money, manpower, time, facilities, and natural resources.

c. Provide the best materiel, processes, and practices used in acquisition and logistics support.

d. Enhance interchangeability, reliability, and maintainability of military equipment and supplies.

e. Ensure that products requiring quality and minimum essential need are specified and obtained.

f. Ensure that specifications and standards are written to prescribe requirements to the particular need.

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g. Assure that specifications and standards imposed in acquisition programs are tailored to reflect only particular needs consistent with mission requirements.

5. Action

a. The Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Logistics Command (NAVMEDLOGCOM) coordinates a unified Navy position on each candidate medical item for standardization and maintains naval Medical Department interest on applicable standardization document, and provides comments as necessary per reference (a).

b. BUMED specialty advisors, upon request by NAVMEDLOGCOM review, evaluate and make recommendations concerning classification, reclassification, or review of essential characteristics of medical and dental materiel. The professional opinions provided as a result of these reviews serve as the basis for standardization actions.

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