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BUMED NOTICE 6210

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
To: Ships and Stations having Medical Department Personnel

Subj: SHIP SANITATION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 6210.2
(b) World Health Organization, International Health Regulations (2005)

Encl: (1) Acronyms

1. Purpose. To identify Navy medical personnel delegated authority per references (a) and (b) to inspect and issue appropriate Ship Sanitation Certificates which include either a Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate (SSCEC) or a Ship Sanitation Control Certificate (SSCC) for Navy, Army, Military Sealift Command (MSC), Coast Guard, and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) vessels and to provide related standard procedures and policy. Enclosure (1) provides a list of acronyms used in this notice.

2. Cancellation. BUMEDNOTE 6210 of 5 Dec 2008.

3. Background. Article 39 of reference (b) implemented the Ship Sanitation Certificate Program (SSCP) to include SSCEC and SSCC certificates which replaced the previous Deratting Certificates provided for under the 1969 International Health Regulations (IHRs). Deratting Certificates are no longer valid. Qualified inspectors are assigned to a Navy medical treatment facility (MTF), a Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit (NEPMU), and a selected fleet unit. The current IHRs are designed to prevent, protect against, control, and provide a public health response to the international spread of disease in ways that are commensurate with and restricted to public health risks, and which avoid unnecessary interference with international traffic. NAVMED 6210/3, U.S. Navy Declaration of Health Certificate, shall be completed and presented to a respective foreign port health authority upon request. Generally, completion of this form may not be required due to Port Authority granting Radio Free Pratique entry approval.

4. Action

a. Regional Commanders

(1) Ensure that authorized SSCP inspectors assigned to MTFs are responsive to requests for inspection and certification from all Navy, Army, and MSC vessels in their area of responsibility (AOR). Navy inspectors may provide SSCECs/SSCCs to Coast Guard and NOAA vessels upon request if workload permits.

(2) Ensure that NEPMUs provide training to SSCP inspectors and review certificates issued by inspectors in their AOR for validation of certificate procedural and policy compliance. If SSCEC/SSCC issuance problems exist with a particular inspector, the respective NEPMU shall notify Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center (NMCPHC) in writing for follow-up action.

(3) Ensure that qualified inspectors assigned to MTF/NEPMU send copies of all completed SSCECs/SSCCs to NMCPHC for archiving.

b. Navy Medicine Support Command

(1) Ensure that Preventive Medicine Technician School trains students on proper inspection and issuance procedures for SSCEC and SSCC.

(2) Assign NMCPHC as program manager for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery's (BUMED) SSCP, and ensure NMCPHC:

(a) Reviews and approves the programs of instruction to certify SSCP inspectors.

(b) Maintains list of the holders of U.S. Public Health Service seals provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for issuance of Navy SSCP certificates.

(c) Maintains the records of all SSCP certificates issued by Navy inspectors.

(d) Rescinds an individual inspector's SSCP authority when indicated.

(e) Acts as BUMED Liaison to the CDC program representatives on matters related to the program; provides port lists and other reports to the CDC.

c. Authorized SSCP Inspectors. Navy Preventive Medicine Technicians (NEC 8432) are the primary authorized medical personnel for conducting inspections and issuing certificates. Individual environmental health and medical entomology officers, and environmental health civilians, may be authorized inspectors with prior written approval from NMCPHC.

(1) Authorized inspectors shall not inspect nor issue a SSCP certificate to a vessel where they are a member of ship's company.

(2) After completion of SSCP inspection, authorized medical personnel shall sign, seal, and issue NAVMED 6210/1, U.S. Navy Shipboard Sanitation Control Exemption/Ship Sanitation Control Certificate. If vessel operation precludes inspection and issuance of a new certificate, the command that issued the original certificate may issue a 30-day extension to allow the ship to obtain a new inspection and certificate at a later time. NAVMED 6210/2, Notification of 30-Day Extension of Ship Sanitation Exemption Control Certificate is to be used

for issuing a one-time 30-day extension. The signed and sealed original certificate shall be provided to the ship. A copy shall be forwarded to NMCPHC via e-mail at: NMCPHCPTS-SSCEC@med.navy.mil or faxed to (757) 953-0705. SSCP inspectors shall retain a copy of all issued SSCECs and SSCCs.

5. For questions about program management, seals, and the transmission of inspection reports, contact NMPHC Environmental Health at (757) 953-0716, DSN 377-0716, or e-mail at: EH@nehc.mar.med.navy.mil.

6. The area NEPMU provides training and assistance for inspections, appropriate control measures, and other SSCP questions and can be contacted at:

- a. NEPMU 2: (757) 953-6600, DSN: 377-6600
NEPMU2Norfolk-fleetandFMFSupport@med.navy.mil
- b. NEPMU 5: (619) 556-7070, DSN: 526-7070
fleetsupport@med.navy.mil
- c. NEPMU 6: (808) 473-0555, DSN: 473-0555
nepmu6fleet/fmfsupport@med.navy.mil

7. Forms. The following BUMED forms are available electronically from the "Forms" tab at <http://www.med.navy.mil/directives/Pages/Forms.aspx>:

- a. NAVMED 6210/1 (Rev. 01-2010), United States Navy Ship Sanitation Control Exemption/Ship Sanitation Control Certificate.
- b. NAVMED 6210/2 (11-2007), Notification of 30-Day Extension of Ship Sanitation Exemption Control Certificate.
- c. NAVMED 6210/3 (11-2007), U.S. Navy Declaration of Health Certificate.



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ACRONYMS

AOR	Area of Responsibility
BUMED	Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
IHRs	International Health Regulations
MSC	Military Sealift Command
MTF	Medical Treatment Facility
NEPMU	Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit
NMCPHC	Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center
NOAA	National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration
SSCP	Ship Sanitation Certificate Program
SSCEC	Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate
SSCC	Ship Sanitation Control Certificate