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IN REPLY REFER TO
BUMEDINST 6210.6
BUMED-N3
16 Mar 2023

BUMED INSTRUCTION 6210.6

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: CERTIFICATION OF COMPETENT MEDICAL AUTHORITIES FOR BIOLOGICAL
SELECT AGENTS AND TOXINS

Ref: (a) DoD Instruction 5210.88 of 26 May 2020
(b) DoD Directive 5101.20E of 25 January 2019
(c) OPNAVINST 5530.16B
(d) BUMEDINST 6210.5

Encl: (1) Example Letter of Designation

1. Purpose. To provide guidance for training and certification of Biological Select Agents and Toxins (BSAT) competent medical authorities (CMA) per references (a) through (d).
2. Scope and Applicability. This instruction applies to Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Commands (NAVMEDREADTRNCMD) and Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Units (NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT) providing BSAT medical support to Navy components possessing BSAT.
3. Background. Per reference (a), individuals with access to Tier 1 BSAT, or whose duties afford access to registered entities, will be screened for suitability and reliability through the Biological Personnel Reliability Program (BPRP) process. Reference (b) designates the Secretary of the Army as the Department of Defense (DoD) Executive Agent for the DoD BSAT Biosafety and Biosecurity Program; the Secretary of the Army executes this authority through the Surgeon General of the Army. Reference (c) assigns commanders and directors of BSAT facilities the responsibility to ensure a CMA is designated for medical support to the BPRP.
4. Policy
 - a. NAVMEDREADTRNCMD or NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT on installations with BPRP members must provide certified and designated BSAT CMAs.
 - b. Laboratories having no access to NAVMEDREADTRNCMDs or NAVMEDREADTRNUNITs will follow guidance per reference (d).
5. Roles and Responsibilities
 - a. Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) Director, Operations (BUMED-N3). Will provide oversight of the BSAT BPRP CMA Community Manager Program.

b. BSAT BPRP CMA Community Manager will:

- (1) Be designated by Chief, BUMED, as the BSAT BPRP CMA.
- (2) Create and maintain training on the Navy Personnel Reliability Program CMA Web site located at <https://esportal.med.navy.mil/bumed/rh/m3/m35/Pages/PRPCMA.aspx>.
- (3) Certify local BSAT BPRP CMAs for NAVMEDREADTRNCMD and NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT.
- (4) Maintain a current listing of certified and designated BSAT BPRP CMAs.
- (5) Review, advise, and provide input for medical aspects of the security standards and processes for safeguarding BSAT medical support as requested.
- (6) Coordinate with Training (BUMED-N7) for review of BSAT BPRP CMA training.

c. Director, BUMED-N7. Will coordinate with BSAT BPRP CMA Community Manager as requested.

d. Commanders, Naval Medical Forces Atlantic and Naval Medical Forces Pacific. Will ensure compliance with training, certification, and designation requirements of CMAs.

e. Commanders, Commanding Officers, and Officers in Charge, NAVMEDREADTRNCMDs and NAVMEDREADTRNUNITs will:

- (1) Ensure installations with a Tier 1 BSAT program are supported by certified and designated CMAs.
- (2) Designate CMAs in writing and submit designation letter electronically to BUMED BPRP CMA Community Manager per enclosure (1).

f. BSAT BPRP CMAs will:

- (1) Complete a one-time testing and certification requirement located via <https://esportal.med.navy.mil/bumed/rh/m3/m35/Pages/PRPCMA.aspx>.
- (2) Once training is completed, forward test results and checklist to the BPRP CMA Community Manager.
- (3) Arrange an interview and review of test results with the BPRP CMA Community Manager.

(4) Prepare a letter of designation as a BPRP CMA Community Manager for signature of commanding officer of the NAVMEDREADTRNCMD. Once the letter of designation is signed, forward a copy of the letter to the BPRP CMA Community Manager.

(5) Address initial screenings, continuous evaluation, and provide recommendations to the certifying official, responsible official, and reviewing official at the BSAT command.

6. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the Department of the Navy Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division program office.

8. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, BUMED-N3 will review this instruction annually near the anniversary of the issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.


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EXAMPLE LETTER OF DESIGNATION
(Command Letterhead)

From: Activity, Head Title, Activity Name
To: Competent Medical Authority Candidate's Name

Subj: DESIGNATION AS BIOLOGICAL SELECT AGENTS AND TOXINS PERSONNEL
RELIABILITY PROGRAM COMPETENT MEDICAL AUTHORITY

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1. Per reference (a), you are hereby designated as a Biological Select Agents and Toxins Personnel Reliability Program competent medical authority. As a competent medical authority, you will familiarize yourself and comply with the requirements outlined in references (a) through (d).
2. You are hereby authorized to review medical, dental, and mental health records, and provide medical surveillance and evaluations in support of the Biological Select Agents and Toxins Personnel Reliability Program. This designation letter certifies that you are licensed for independent practice or are supervised by a physician licensed for independent practice and have successfully completed the training and qualifications.
3. This designation letter remains in effect until revoked by higher authority or upon detachment from your present command.
4. Command point of contact is name of contact, telephone number, and e-mail.

Activity Head Signature Block

Copy to:
BUMED BPRP CMA Community Manager
Supported command's certifying official and responsible official

Enclosure (1)