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Ref: (a) World Health Organization, International Health-Regulations, 2005  
(b) United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, 2005  
(c) DoD Electronic Foreign Clearance Guide  
(d) DoD Directive 4500.54E of 28 December 2009  
(e) 42 CFR 70-71  
(f) DTR 4500.9-R, Defense Transportation Regulation  
(g) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1990  
(h) BUMEDINST 6210.4  
(i) NAVMED P-5052-26 of May 2008  
(j) E.O. 13295  
(k) DoD Instruction 6200.03 of 5 March 2010

1. Purpose. To assign responsibilities for implementing Department of Defense (DoD) quarantine and customs and border clearance policies. This revision is substantial and should be read in its entirety. The significant changes include:

a. Modified or added terms and definitions as needed to align Navy quarantine regulations with code of federal regulations (CFR) and international health regulations.

b. Revised responsibilities for clarification.

c. Removed detailed guidance from instruction as it is contained in references (a) through (k).

d. Added NAVMED 6210/1 Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate for use when entering foreign ports.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 6210.2.

3. Scope. The provisions of this instruction are applicable throughout the Department of the Navy.

4. Discussion

a. The intent of these policies is to prevent the introduction and dissemination, domestically or internationally, of diseases affecting humans, plants, and animals; prohibited or illegally taken wildlife; arthropod vectors; and pests of health and agricultural importance.

b. Movement of DoD equipment and DoD personnel across international boundaries presents numerous opportunities to accidentally transport pests and disease organisms between countries. Introduction of non-native species into new geographic areas can cause significant damage to the recipient country's agriculture and health interests. Per references (a) and (b), the United States is signatory to two treaties that are intended to prevent the introduction of diseases and pests of health and agriculture importance.

c. All conveyances (ships, aircraft, and other modes or methods of transport) entering the continental United States from a foreign port or place must comply with the quarantine regulations of various U.S. Departments and Agencies such as the Departments of Health and Human Services, Agriculture, and Homeland Security. Entry responsibilities are specified in references (c) through (f), part V.

d. Ships, aircraft or other conveyances of the Navy proceeding to a foreign port must meet the quarantine requirements published by the proper authority for such port. Reference (c) provides aircraft and maritime requirements for entry into foreign ports.

(1) Commanding officers, aircraft commanders, and masters may themselves, or through their representative, certify compliance with host country quarantine regulations and restrictions to foreign health officials.

(2) Per references (d) and (g), articles 0828 and 0859, U.S. naval vessels and aircraft shall not be subject to search,

seizure, and inspection (including customs, safety, and agriculture inspections) or any other exercise of jurisdiction by a foreign government over such aircraft, personnel, equipment, or cargo on board.

(3) Article 37 of reference (a) established worldwide Maritime Declaration of Health requirements. NAVMED 6210/3 U.S. Navy Declaration of Health Certificate, must be completed by a vessel senior medical department representative and presented to the respective foreign port health authority upon request. Generally, completion of this form is not required when port authority grants radio free pratique entry approval.

(4) Article 39 of reference (a) established a Ship Sanitation Certificate (SSC) Program to include NAVMED 6210/1 Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate and Ship Sanitation Control Certificate documentation. The NAVMED 6210/1 replaces the previous Deratting Certificates provided for under the 1969 International Health Regulations. Reference (h) implements the SSC Program within the U.S. Navy, and reference (i) provides authoritative guidance on Navy shipboard pest management.

e. Reference (j) lists quarantinable communicable diseases. Reference (e) implements federal human quarantine regulations. Reference (k) implements human quarantine regulations within DoD. A quarantinable disease may compel a commander to restrict personnel movement, to include placing individuals in quarantine or isolation, in order to prevent the introduction, transmission, and spread of communicable diseases and or any other hazardous substances that pose a threat to public health and safety. Before instituting quarantine or isolation measures, a commander should consult with a Navy environmental and preventive medicine unit.

## 5. Responsibilities

a. Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, Pacific Fleet shall ensure commanding officers of commissioned vessels, aircraft commanders, and masters of U.S. Naval Ship vessels:

(1) Comply with foreign clearance and customs requirements specified in references (c) through (f), part V, for personnel and property entering the United States from a foreign port.

(2) Use reference (c) as the official guide for matters relating to the DoD foreign clearance program for U.S. military aircraft and U.S. Navy vessels and their embarked personnel.

(3) Implement shipboard pest management programs that are consistent with the guidance found in reference (i), to include procedures for disinfection of imports and conveyances.

(4) Maintain current ship sanitation certificates.

b. Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery shall:

(1) Collect and analyze disease data on shipboard personnel to monitor for threats of the introduction, transmission, and spread of communicable disease from foreign countries into the states or possessions of the United States in support of reference (e).

(2) Manage the SSC Program and ensure that certified SSC Program inspectors are responsive to requests for inspection and certification from Navy, Army, and Military Sealift Command vessels in the inspectors' area of responsibility.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per SECNAV M-5210.1 of January 2012.

7. Forms and Information Management Control. The following NAVMED forms are available at:  
<https://navalforms.documentservices.dla.mil/>:

a. NAVMED 6210/1 (Rev. 01-2010) Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate and Ship Sanitation Control Certificate.

b. NAVMED 6210/3 (Rev. 01-2010) U.S. Navy Declaration of Health.

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c. Information collections contained within this instruction are exempt from reports control per SECNAV Manual 5214.1 of December 2005 part IV, subparagraph 7h.



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