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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, DoD Foreign Clearance Program, 31 May 2022
  - (e) 42 CFR
  - (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, Public health emergency Management (PHEM) within the DoD, 28 March 2019

1. Purpose. To assign responsibilities for implementing Department of Defense (DoD) quarantine and customs and border clearance policies. This revision is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 6210.2A.

3. Scope and Applicability. 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 (e), sections 70 and 71, and reference (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 reference (g), articles 0828 and 0859, U.S. naval vessels and aircraft will 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) Reference (a), article 37 established worldwide Maritime Declaration of Health requirements. NAVMED 6210/3 United States Navy Declaration of Health, 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) Reference (a), article 39 established a Ship Sanitation Certificate (SSC) Program to include NAVMED 6210/1 United States 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), sections 70 and 71, 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, to prevent the introduction, trans-mission and spread of communicable diseases 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 will 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 (e), sections 70 and 71 and reference (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 disinsection of imports and conveyances.

(4) Maintain current SSCs.

b. Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery will:

(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), sections 70 and 71.

(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.

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 (DON) Assistant for Administration, 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 OPNAV Records Management Program (DNS-16).

7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Support & Logistics (BUMED-N4) will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its 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 the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

8. Forms and Information Management Control. The NAVMED forms in subparagraphs 8a and 8b of this instruction are available at: <https://forms.documentservices.dla.mil/>.

a. NAVMED 6210/1 United States Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate and Ship Sanitation Control Certificate.

b. NAVMED 6210/3 U.S. Navy Declaration of Health.

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