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SUBJECT: Single Manager for Conventional Ammunition (SMCA)

- References:
- (a) DoD Directive 5160.65, subject as above, March 8, 1995 (hereby canceled)
  - (b) DoD 5160.65-M, "Single Manager for Conventional Ammunition (Implementing Joint Conventional Ammunition Policies and Procedures)"
  - (c) [DoD 5025.1-M](#), "DoD Directives System Procedures," March 5, 2003
  - (d) [DoD Instruction 5160.68](#), "Single Manager for Conventional Ammunition (SMCA): Responsibilities of the SMCA and the Military Services," December 22, 2003
  - (e) Joint Pub 1-02, "The Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms," current edition

## 1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive:

- 1.1. Reissues reference (a) to update policies and responsibilities for the SMCA.
- 1.2. Assigns the SMCA mission, within the Department of Defense (DoD), to the Secretary of the Army.
- 1.3. Continues to authorize the publication of reference (b), consistent with reference (c).

## 2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Services, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities in the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components"). The term "Military Services," as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps.

## 3. DEFINITION

Terms used in this Directive are defined in enclosure 1.

## 4. POLICY

It is DoD policy that:

4.1. Under the authority of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Army is assigned the SMCA mission within the Department of Defense. The Secretary of the Army has the power to delegate, within the Army, those authorities for the performance of the functions outlined in this Directive.

4.2. The objectives of the SMCA mission are to:

4.2.1. Achieve the highest possible degree of efficiency and effectiveness in the DoD operations required to acquire top quality conventional ammunition for U.S. Forces.

4.2.2. Integrate the wholesale conventional ammunition logistics functions of the Military Departments to the maximum extent practicable, thereby eliminating unwarranted duplication and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the overall conventional ammunition program. Manage and invest in an integrated logistics base supporting assigned conventional ammunition requirements.

4.2.3. Use acquisition strategies that stabilize the business environment and provide incentives for private investment in the production base. Rely on the private sector to create and sustain ammunition production assets in response to production contracts and justify for contingency readiness expanded production capability. To the maximum extent feasible, transition Government-owned ammunition production assets to the private sector while preserving the ability to conduct explosives handling operations safely.

4.3. The DoD Components and the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) shall coordinate, collaborate, and support the SMCA mission regarding ammunition functions, responsibilities, and authorities they retain, and as specified in this Directive.

4.4. The SMCA, in coordination with the Military Services and the USSOCOM, shall develop and maintain a process measuring effectiveness, while implementing process improvements of the mission functions listed in DoD Instruction 5160.68 (reference (d)).

## 5. RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics shall:

5.1.1. Provide policy and guidance for the SMCA mission and ensure compliance with the responsibilities outlined in this Directive.

5.1.2. Ensure that the Director, Defense Systems (D,DS), shall:

5.1.2.1. Have principal Office of the Secretary of Defense staff responsibility for SMCA activities and policies.

5.1.2.2. Appraise, in collaboration with other DoD Components, overall performance of the SMCA in accomplishing the mission objectives in paragraph 4.2., above, and facilitate improvements.

5.2. The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer shall provide financial management policy and guidance for the SMCA mission.

5.3. The Secretary of the Army shall:

5.3.1. Prepare and issue a charter, in coordination with the Military Departments, to be approved by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics. The charter shall establish the manner in which the responsibilities and authorities assigned to the SMCA for accomplishment of the assigned mission shall be executed.

5.3.2. Designate a flag officer or civilian equivalent as the SMCA Executor, with the responsibilities outlined in reference (d).

5.3.3. Designate a flag officer or civilian equivalent as the Executive Director for Conventional Ammunition (EDCA). The Executive Director shall be senior in rank to the SMCA Executor.

5.3.4. Maintain a dedicated management organization, with joint-Service staffing, to assist the EDCA in providing managerial oversight of the execution of the SMCA mission pertaining to joint-Service activities.

5.3.5. Approve, in coordination with the Secretaries of the Military Departments, a table of distribution and allowances for the dedicated joint-staffed EDCA management organization listed in subparagraph 5.3.4., above.

5.3.6. Provide accurate and timely inventory valuation and disposal cost data to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service for inclusion in the Army's financial statements.

5.4. The Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Commander, United States Special Operations Command shall:

5.4.1. Ensure the performance of responsibilities outlined in reference (d).

5.4.2. Retain ammunition acquisition and logistics responsibilities not delegated to the SMCA in reference (d).

5.4.3. Designate an office(s) through which direct coordinating shall be maintained on implementation of SMCA operational responsibilities.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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Enclosures - 1  
E1. Definition

## E1. ENCLOSURE 1

### DEFINITION

E1.1.1. Conventional Ammunition. A device charged with explosives, propellants, pyrotechnics, or initiating composition for use in connection with defense or offense, including demolitions. Certain ammunition can be used for training, ceremonial, or non-operational purposes (Joint Pub 1-02, reference (e)). Conventional ammunition management responsibilities are partitioned as follows:

E1.1.1.1. The following items, and other ammunition, explosives, and components in Federal supply classification group 13 not specifically excluded herein, are assigned for management by the SMCA:

E1.1.1.1.1. Small arms, mortar, automatic cannon, artillery, and ship gun ammunition.

E1.1.1.1.2. Bombs (cluster, fuel air explosive, general purpose, and incendiary).

E1.1.1.1.3. Unguided rockets, projectiles, and submunitions.

E1.1.1.1.4. Chemical ammunition with various fillers (incendiary, riot control, smoke, toxic agents, burster igniters, peptizers, and thickeners for flame fuel).

E1.1.1.1.5. Land mines (ground-to-ground and air-to-ground delivered).

E1.1.1.1.6. Demolition materiel.

E1.1.1.1.7. Grenades.

E1.1.1.1.8. Flares and pyrotechnics.

E1.1.1.1.9. All items included in subparagraphs E1.1.1.1.1. through E1.1.1.1.8., above, such as explosives, propellants, chemical agents, cartridges, propelling charges, projectiles, warheads (with various fillers such as high explosive, illuminating, incendiary, anti-materiel, and anti-personnel), fuzes, boosters, and safe and arm devices in bulk, combination, or separately packaged items of issue for complete round assembly.

E1.1.1.1.10. Related ammunition containers and packing and packaging materials.

E1.1.1.2. The following are retained for management by the Military Services:

E1.1.1.2.1. Guided projectiles, rockets, missiles, and submunitions.

E1.1.1.2.2. Naval mines, torpedoes, and depth charges.

E1.1.1.2.3. Nuclear ammunition and included items such as warhead, warhead sections, projectiles, demolition munitions, and nuclear training ammunition.

E1.1.1.2.4. Cartridge and propellant-actuated devices.

E1.1.1.2.5. Chaff and chaff dispensers.

E1.1.1.2.6. Guidance kits for bombs and other ammunition.

E1.1.1.2.7. Swimmer weapons.

E1.1.1.2.8. Explosive ordnance disposal tools and equipment.

E1.1.1.2.9. Related ammunition containers and packing and packaging materials.

E1.1.1.3. USSOCOM-developed items: The USSOCOM will retain management of USSOCOM-developed items and transition selected in accordance with subparagraph E2.1.2.2.7. of reference (d), when appropriate.

E1.1.1.4. Upon agreement between the SMCA and the Military Services and the USSOCOM, Military Service and USSOCOM-retained items may be transitioned to the SMCA in accordance with subparagraph E2.1.2.2.7. of reference (d).

E1.1.1.4.1. For demilitarization and disposal purposes only, the definition of SMCA assigned items in subparagraph E1.1.1.1. is expanded to include all conventional ammunition, to include tactical missiles and service retained items listed in subparagraph E1.1.1.2.

E1.1.1.4.2. The Military Services will coordinate with the SMCA prior to transfer in accordance with subparagraph E2.1.2.2.7. of reference (d).

E1.1.1.4.3. The Military Services will provide the SMCA with their projected conventional ammunition (including Service-retained conventional ammunition) demilitarization forecasts so that the SMCA can fully program demilitarization funding.