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COMSCINST INSTRUCTION 4700.9B

Subj: Procedures for Material Readiness of MSC Ships Outside the Administrative Commander's Area of Operations

Ref: (a) COMSCINST 4700.14 (*Materials Readiness Evaluations (MREs) and Planning for Major Availabilities*)

1. Purpose. To formalize maintenance and repair responsibility and procedures for MSC ships worldwide.
2. Cancellation. COMSCINST 4700.9A.
3. Background. MSC ships which are operating in the COMSCEUR and COMSCFE areas are geographically separated from their administrative commanders (*ADCOM*), COMSCLANT and COMSCPAC, by great distances. This precludes these ships from receiving from the ADCOM the necessary oversight and attention required for maximum readiness and optimum material condition. To ensure the desired standards of readiness and material condition are achieved and maintained, it is necessary to delegate certain authority to the commanders of those areas remote from the ADCOM in which the ships may be operating.
4. Discussion. The ADCOM is responsible for the material condition and readiness of ships assigned. This responsibility cannot be delegated when the ships leave the ADCOMs' area of operation in response to operational commitments. To assist the ADCOM in fulfilling this responsibility, the area commander in whose area the ship is operating will act on behalf of the ADCOM for matters pertaining to maintenance, repair, material condition, and readiness. This is to be construed as a delegation of authority to the area commander who will then become directly responsible to the ADCOM for these matters.
5. Action
  - a. COMSCLANT/COMSCPAC, as administrative commanders, will:
    - (1) Authorize and approve Voyage Repairs (*VRs*) and other work for accomplishment.
    - (2) Provide funding for *VRs* in continuing amounts, based upon input from the area commanders, on a individual ship basis. (*Funds allocated to a specific ship may not be reallocated to another ship without ADCOM concurrence.*)

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(3) Provide work packages for Regular Overhauls (*ROHs*), mid-period inspections, Mid-Term Availabilities (*MTAs*), or other major availabilities; and provide recommended performance periods and cost estimates. This work package must arrive at the appropriate command to meet the required procurement leadtime.

(4) Provide technical and management guidance for the EUR/FE Contracting and Engineering officers for all material and maintenance decisions.

(5) Provide for timely delivery of required Government Furnished Material (*GFM*). A thorough review must be made of each work package to minimize delivery costs and time. Where feasible, *GFM* will be procured through the Navy Supply System. Use of foreign commercial sources is also encouraged.

(6) Provide Port Engineers in accordance with reference (a).

(7) Provide reference documents, plans, and technical support.

b. COMSCEUR/COMSCFE, as on-scene area commander, will:

(1) Be directly responsible to the ADCOM for maintenance, repair, material condition, and readiness of MSC ships operating in their areas.

(2) Act as single points of contact to the Fleet Commanders regarding material readiness and repair matters for MSC ships operating in their areas.

(3) Maintain Master Ship Repair Agreements (*MSRA*) for their respective areas.

(4) Solicit bids for *ROHs*, *MTAs*, and repairs in commercial shipyards within their areas.

(5) Negotiate and award ship repair contracts within their authority, as required.

(6) Closely supervise accomplishment of all overhauls and repairs undertaken.

(7) Provide contract support and legal guidance within their authority.

(8) Participate fully in all preparations for and during all ADCOM and INSURV inspections, assisting as required, and assist in follow-up action to correct deficiencies.

(9) Initiate immediate action to accomplish urgent repairs to correct casualties to mission-essential equipment. ADCOM will normally authorize and approve the accomplishment of voyage repairs; however, if awaiting approval will preclude timely and economical action being taken, COMSCEUR/COMSCFE or subordinate commands may approve repairs within established budgetary limits to correct safety and health deficiencies and to maintain operational readiness. The area commanders will advise ADCOM of voyage repairs approved in accordance with this policy in a timely manner including cost estimates. Actual costs incurred will be provided upon completion of the repairs.

(10) Provide Port Engineers in accordance with reference (a).

(11) Prepare all repair specifications required to accomplish voyage repairs to all MSC ships including those transiting or temporarily deployed in their respective areas.

(12) Aggressively represent ADCOM in all matters relating to material condition, repairs, and operational readiness, and consult with the ADCOM prior to, and report after, all actions taken.

c. COMSCMED/COMSCSEA, as on-scene subarea commanders, will:

(1) Act as representatives of COMSCEUR/COMSCFE respectively, with direct liaison authorized with ADCOM for ships operating in their subareas. *(This also applies to COMSCSEA for those ships undergoing availabilities at SRF Subic Bay.)*

(2) Aggressively assist their area commanders and ADCOM in matters of material condition, repairs, and operational readiness.

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