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REFER TO:

COMSCINST 4600.6
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COMSC INSTRUCTION 4600.6

Subj: OPPORTUNE LIFT (OPLIFT)

Ref: (a) CINCLANTFLTINST 4600.2A
(b) CINCPACFLTINST 4600.3K

1. Purpose. To promulgate Commander, Military Sealift Command (COMSC) policy for use of Naval Fleet Auxiliary Force (NFAF) ships to transport cargo under OPLIFT policies as prescribed under references (a) and (b).

2. Policy. Use of OPLIFT on NFAF ships to reduce Service Wide Transportation (SWT) cost is authorized. Ships' Masters may consider OPLIFT use for all surface shipments to specified ports of debarkation before booking through the defense transportation system. OPLIFT use will be pursued when appropriate, while ensuring minimal impact on operational readiness.

3. Definitions

a. OPLIFT. The movement aboard NFAF ships of non-organic cargo.

b. Fleet Freight. Navy-sponsored cargo issued by various sources in and around port areas normally booked for transportation through the defense transportation system using SWT funds. Fleet freight is usually destined for mobile fleet units and overseas activities or may be depot level retrograde (DLR) returning to CONUS.

c. Fleet Organic Cargo. Material in the custody or plant account records of field activities, or material in custody of afloat units.

d. General OPLIFT Cargo. Other cargo carried on an OPLIFT basis, i.e., non-Navy cargo and privately owned material such as privately owned vehicles (POVs), personal boats, Project Handclasp material, etc., not normally transported by SWT funds through the defense transportation system.

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4. General Guidance

a. Authorization. All OPLIFT will be authorized in accordance with reference (a) or (b), as applicable to area of operation.

b. Notification. Applicable NFAF director must be notified of scheduled OPLIFT by way of Naval message or email.

c. Special Handling Material. Due to limited storeroom space for material requiring special handling aboard combat logistics force (CLF) ships, certain types of cargo are not subject to OPLIFT. These include:

(1) Property of a sensitive or pilferable nature, such as small arms weapons, controlled equipment or alcoholic beverages.

(2) Perishable cargo and/or cargo with a shelf life of less than 30 days.

(3) Cargo that can be classified as "dirty" cargo. Examples are cement, asphalt, etc., which require cleaning and/or sheathing of ship spaces.

d. Custodial transfer will be accomplished as directed under reference (a) or (b).

5. Action. OPLIFT reports are to be made as directed under reference (a) or (b), depending on operating area. Copies of all reports must be forwarded to the appropriate NFAF director.

6. Reports. The reporting requirement contained in this instruction is assigned MSC RCS 4600-1 and is approved for 3 years from the date of this instruction.

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