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SECNAV INSTRUCTION 4410.20B

From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Identification, control, and utilization of shelf-life items

- Ref: (a) DOD Instruction 4140.27 of 8 Feb 1974; same subject (hereby implemented)
- (b) DOD Manual 4140.27-M of Aug 1976, Shelf-Life Item Management Manual
- (c) SECNAVINST 5430.28B, "Delegation of authority related to supply, distribution, and disposal of Navy and Marine Corps material"
- (d) OPNAVINST 5430.34, "Responsibility for supply, distribution, and disposal of Navy material; assignment of"
- (e) NAVMATINST 5430.32, "Responsibility for policy concerning supply, distribution, and disposal of Navy material; assignment of" (NOTAL)
- (f) NAVMATINST 4120.94B, "Engineering support for items supplied by Defense Supply Agency and General Services Administration (RCS DD-DSA(A)259(S))" (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To establish Department of the Navy policy relative to the management of shelf-life items and assign responsibilities for implementing references (a) and (b).

2. Cancellation. SECNAV Instruction 4410.20A of 8 Aug 1974.

3. Policy. The Department of the Navy will participate fully, as required, in the development, implementation, and maintenance of the Department of Defense (DOD) Shelf-Life Item Management Program, so that plans and procedures designed to maximize shelf-life item utilization and to minimize the risk of shelf-life expiration prior to item issue will be achieved. Accordingly, the principles of shelf-life management, as set forth in references (a) and (b), will be applied to all Navy managed shelf-life items.

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4. Responsibilities

- R) a. The Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command, under the command of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Naval Material and in accordance with the authority delegated by references (c), (d), and (e), and the Commandant of the Marine Corps, in accordance with the authority delegated by reference (c), will be responsible for shelf-life program management functions for the Navy and the Marine Corps. Incident to shelf-life item program management matters of common application to the Navy and the Marine Corps, the Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command will provide staff support to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Logistics).
- A) b. Commanders of other systems commands will provide appropriate engineering support, as required by reference (f), and will comply with applicable procedures established in reference (b).

5. Action. The addressees will take such action as is appropriate to ensure compliance with this instruction.



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