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SUBJECT: Spectrum Supportability Requirements for Spectrum-Dependent Equipment Certification

- References: (a) OMB Circular A-11
(b) DoD Instruction 4650.01, Policy and Procedures for Management and Use of the Electromagnetic Spectrum, 9 January 2009
(c) DoDI 5000.02, Operation of the Defense Acquisition System, 21 October 2019
(d) SECNAVINST 2400.1B, Electromagnetic Spectrum Policy and Management, 20 May 2019

This memorandum establishes Department of the Navy (DON) policy that all equipment certification requests for stage 2, 3, and 4 spectrum-dependent systems (SDS) shall include a current Spectrum Supportability Risk Assessment (SSRA) as supporting documentation. Stage 1 equipment certifications are exempt from this requirement, as system characteristics and/or parameters are still being determined.

The Office of Management and Budget requires equipment certification for all major SDS, including satellite systems (reference (a)). SSRAs are required for SDS by the Department of Defense (references (b) and (c)) and the DON (reference (d)) to ensure these systems can achieve and maintain sufficient and effective spectrum access. Equipment certification and SSRAs are two closely related and integrated processes, e.g., SSRAs integrate equipment certification documentation.

To ensure success in the Frequency Assignment and Host Nation Coordination phases, spectrum data must be consistent throughout the equipment certification and SSRA processes. Developing an SSRA in preparation for equipment certification achieves such consistency. Therefore, effective 1 October 2022, any equipment certification request for a stage 2, 3, or 4 SDS that is submitted without an accompanying SSRA will be held at the Navy and Marine Corps Spectrum Center until an SSRA has been initiated. References (b) and (d) provide guidance for SSRA development.

The next update of reference (d) will incorporate this policy.

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