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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Lead Proponent for Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and Related Automatic Identification Technology (AIT) Implementation for the DoD Supply Chain

Taking full advantage of the inherent life-cycle asset management efficiencies that can be realized through RFID and other related AIT is integral to the mission of USTRANSCOM as the Distribution Process Owner (DPO). This memorandum clarifies the role of the DPO in executing an AIT implementation strategy and developing a centralized approach for use of these asset visibility technologies.

As the DoD lead functional proponent for RFID and related AIT implementation in the DoD supply chain, specifically active and passive RFID, satellite tracking technology, and linear and two-dimensional bar codes used in the supply chain processes, USTRANSCOM, in collaboration with national partners, will:

(1) Develop a concept of operations for RFID and related AIT, recommend policy changes, as appropriate, through the Defense Logistics Executive (DLE), and assess ongoing actions in "next generation" active and passive RFID technology and recommend a way forward.

(2) In conjunction with the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Supply Chain Integration, promote funding for RFID and synchronize RFID implementation across the Department.

(3) Incorporate RFID and related AIT into the DPO architecture and oversee data quality and performance, using Portfolio Management methodology under Defense Business Systems Management Committee (DBSMC) oversight.

The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, as the DLE, will continue to provide policy and strategic guidance, oversee maintenance-

related AIT applications, and coordinate interagency and commercial RFID implementation actions and standards. To facilitate the transfer of responsibilities, USTRANSCOM will work with Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics & Materiel Readiness) (DUSD(L&MR)) to prepare an implementation plan, to include resource requirements, for review and approval by the DUSD(L&MR) within 60 days of this memorandum. To ensure implementation progress and effective Department communication, the DLE and the DPO Executive Board will provide oversight.

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