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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
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTIC AGENCY

Subject: Redesignation of Commander, United States Transportation Command as the
Distribution Process Owner (DPO)

Since the Secretary of Defense initial designation of Commander, United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) as DPO by memorandum dated September 16, 2003, Subject: Actions to Improve Logistics and Global Supply Chain Management (hereby cancelled), USTRANSCOM and its partners have made significant progress transforming distribution related processes.

To strengthen that teamwork and to increase the momentum of change, this memorandum formally restates the designation of Commander, USTRANSCOM as the Department's DPO with the following defined mission areas:

- (1) Overseeing the overall effectiveness, efficiency, and alignment of DoD-wide distribution activities, including force projection, sustainment, and redeployment/ retrograde operations.
- (2) Establishing the concepts and operational frameworks relating to the planning and execution of DoD transportation operations.

As before, the DPO shall receive oversight from the Defense Logistics Executive. This will not change the direct reporting relationship of the Commander, USTRANSCOM, as a combatant commander, to the Secretary or his direct access to the Secretary.

Commander, USTRANSCOM is directed to develop a draft DoD Distribution Process Instruction, defining authority, accountability, resources, and responsibility for process management and submit this to the Defense Logistics Executive as soon as possible for his approval.

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Service Chiefs



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