

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 15

Military law.

■ Accordingly, 32 CFR part 15 is added to Subtitle A, Chapter I, Subchapter B to read as follows:

**PART 15—REPORTING
RELATIONSHIPS FOR MILITARY
COMMISSION PERSONNEL**

Sec.

15.1 Purpose.

15.2 Authority.

15.3 Policies and procedures.

Authority: 10 U.S.C. 113(d) and 140(b).

§ 15.1 Purpose.

This part establishes supervisory and performance evaluation relationships for military commission personnel.

§ 15.2 Authority.

This part is issued pursuant to 32 CFR 9.7(a) and in accordance with Military Order of November 13, 2001, "Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism," (3 CFR 2001 Comp., p. 918, 66 FR 57833) and 10 U.S.C. 113(d) and 140(b). The provisions of 32 CFR part 10 are applicable to this part.

§ 15.3 Policies and Procedures.

(a) *Supervisory and performance evaluation relationships.* Individuals appointed, assigned, detailed, designated or employed in a capacity related to the conduct of military commission proceedings conducted in accordance with 32 CFR part 9 and Military Order of November 13, 2001, "Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism," shall be subject to the relationships set forth in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(9) of this section. Unless stated otherwise, the person to whom an individual "reports," as set forth in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(9) of this section, shall be deemed to be such individual's supervisor and shall, to the extent possible, fulfill all performance evaluation responsibilities normally associated with the function of direct supervisor in accordance with the subordinate's Military Service performance evaluation regulations.

(1) **Appointing Authority:** Any Appointing Authority designated by the Secretary of Defense pursuant to 32 CFR part 9 shall report to the Secretary of Defense in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 113(d).

(2) **Legal Advisor to Appointing Authority:** The Legal Advisor to the Appointing Authority shall report to the Appointing Authority.

(3) **Chief Prosecutor:** The Chief Prosecutor shall report to the Deputy

General Counsel (Legal Counsel) of the Department of Defense and then to the General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

(4) **Prosecutors and Assistant Prosecutors:** Prosecutors and Assistant Prosecutors shall report to the Chief Prosecutor and then to the Deputy General Counsel (Legal Counsel) of the Department of Defense.

(5) **Chief Defense Counsel:** The Chief Defense Counsel shall report to the Deputy General Counsel (Personnel and Health Policy) of the Department of Defense and then to the General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

(6) **Detailed Defense Counsel:** Detailed Defense Counsel shall report to the Chief Defense Counsel and then to the Deputy General Counsel (Personnel and Health Policy) of the Department of Defense.

(7) **Review Panel members:** Members of the Review Panel shall report to the Secretary of Defense.

(8) **Commission members:** Commission members shall continue to report to their parent commands. The consideration or evaluation of the performance of duty as a member of a military commission is prohibited in preparing effectiveness, fitness, or evaluation reports of a commission member.

(9) **Other personnel:** All other military commission personnel, such as court reporters, interpreters, security personnel, bailiffs, and clerks detailed or employed by the Appointing Authority pursuant to 32 CFR 9.4(d), if not assigned to the Office of the Chief Prosecutor or the Office of the Chief Defense Counsel, shall report to the Appointing Authority or his designee.

(b) *Responsibilities of supervisory/reporting officials.* Officials designated in this part as supervisory/reporting officials shall:

(1) Supervise subordinates in the performance of their duties.

(2) Prepare fitness or performance evaluation reports and, as appropriate, process awards and citations for subordinates. To the extent practicable, a reporting official shall comply with the rated subordinate's Military Service regulations regarding the preparation of fitness or performance evaluation reports and in executing related duties.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****32 CFR Part 16****Sentencing**

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule promulgates policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures for matters related to sentencing of persons with regard to whom a finding of guilty is entered for an offense referred for trial by a military commission appointed pursuant to regulations on Procedures for Trials by Military Commission of Certain Non-United States Citizens in the War Against Terrorism, and Military Order of November 13, 2001, "Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism."

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 30, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Although exempt from administrative procedures for rule making, publication of the final rule in the **Federal Register** is deemed appropriate under 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1)(C). Certifications follow:

Administrative Procedures Act (Sec. 1, Pub. L. 89-544)

It has been certified that 32 CFR part 16 is as a military function of the United States and exempt from administrative procedures for rule making.

Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review"

It has been certified that 32 CFR part 16 pertains to military functions other than procurement and import-export licenses and is exempt from Office of Management and Budget review under Section 3, Para (d)(2).

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (Sec. 202, Pub. L. 104-4)

It has been certified that 32 CFR part 16 does not contain a Federal Mandate that may result in the expenditure by State, local and tribal governments, in aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year.

Public Law 96-354, "Regulatory Flexibility Act" (5 U.S.C. 601)

It has been determined that this rule is not subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601) because it would not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Public Law 96-511, "Paperwork Reduction Act" (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35)

It has been certified that 32 CFR part 16 does not impose any reporting or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 44).

Federalism (Executive Order 13132)

It has been certified that 32 CFR part 16 does not have federalism implications, as set forth in Executive Order 13132. This rule does not have substantial direct effects on:

- (1) The States;
- (2) The relationship between the National Government and the States; or
- (3) The distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

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Military law.

■ Accordingly, 32 CFR part 16 is added to Subtitle A, Chapter I, Subchapter B to read as follows:

PART 16—SENTENCING

Sec.

- 16.1 Purpose.
- 16.2 Authority.
- 16.3 Available sentences.
- 16.4 Sentencing procedures.

Authority: 10 U.S.C. 113(d) and 140(b).

§ 16.1 Purpose.

This part promulgates policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures for matters related to sentencing of persons with regard to whom a finding of guilty is entered for an offense referred for trial by a military commission appointed pursuant to 32 CFR part 9 and Military Order of November 13, 2001, "Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism" (3 CFR 2001 Comp., p. 918, 66 FR 57833).

§ 16.2 Authority.

This part is issued pursuant to 32 CFR 9.7(a) and in accordance with Military Order of November 13, 2001, "Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism," and 10 U.S.C. 113(d) and 140(b). The provisions of 32 CFR part 10 are applicable to this part.

§ 16.3 Available sentences.

(a) *General.* 32 CFR part 9 permits a military commission wide latitude in sentencing. Any lawful punishment or condition of punishment is authorized, including death, so long as the prerequisites detailed in 32 CFR part 9 are met. Detention associated with an

individual's status as an enemy combatant shall not be considered to fulfill any term of imprisonment imposed by a military commission. The sentence determination should be made while bearing in mind that there are several principal reasons for a sentence given to those who violate the law. Such reasons include: punishment of the wrongdoer; protection of society from the wrongdoer; deterrence of the wrongdoer and those who know of his crimes and sentence from committing the same or similar offenses; and rehabilitation of the wrongdoer. In determining an appropriate sentence, the weight to be accorded any or all of these reasons rests solely within the discretion of commission members. All sentences should, however, be grounded in a recognition that military commissions are a function of the President's war-fighting role as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States and of the broad deterrent impact associated with a sentence's effect on adherence to the laws and customs of war in general.

(b) *Conditions of imprisonment.* Decisions regarding the location designated for any imprisonment, the conditions under which a sentence to imprisonment is served, or the privileges accorded one during any period of imprisonment should generally not be made by the commission. Those decisions and actions, however, may be appropriate subjects for recommendation to the person making a final decision on the sentence in accordance with of 32 CFR 9.6(h).

(c) *Prospective recommendations for sentence modification.* A sentence imposed by military commission may be accompanied by a recommendation to suspend, remit, commute or otherwise modify the adjudged sentence in concert with one or more conditions upon which the suspension, remission, commutation, or other modification is contingent (usually relating to the performance, behavior or conduct of the Accused). Unless otherwise directed, a decision or action in accordance with such a recommendation will be effected by direction or delegation to the Appointing Authority by the official making a final decision on the sentence in accordance with of 32 CFR 9.6(h).

§ 16.4 Sentencing procedures.

(a) *General.* 32 CFR part 9 permits the military commission substantial discretion regarding the conduct of sentencing proceedings. Sentencing proceedings should normally proceed expeditiously. In the discretion of the Presiding Officer, as limited by the

Appointing Authority, reasonable delay between the announcement of findings and the commencement of sentencing proceedings may be authorized to facilitate the conduct of proceedings in accordance with of 32 CFR 9.6(b).

(b) *Information relevant to sentencing.* 32 CFR 9.6(e)(10) permits the Prosecution and Defense to present information to aid the military commission in determining an appropriate sentence. Such information may include a recommendation of an appropriate sentence, information regarding sentence ranges for analogous offenses (e.g., the sentencing range under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines that could be applicable to the Accused for the most analogous federal offenses), and other relevant information. Regardless of any presentation by the Prosecution or Defense, the military commission shall consider any evidence admitted for consideration prior to findings regarding guilt. The Presiding Officer may limit or require the presentation of certain information consistent with 32 CFR part 9 and Military Order of November 13, 2001, "Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism".

(c) *Cases involving plea agreements.* In accordance with 32 CFR 9.6(a)(4), after determining the voluntary and informed nature of a plea agreement approved by the Appointing Authority, the military commission is bound to adjudge findings and a sentence pursuant to that plea agreement. Accordingly, the Presiding Officer may exercise the authority granted in of 32 CFR 9.6(e) to curtail or preclude the presentation of information and argument relative to the military commission's determination of an appropriate sentence.

(d) *Special duties.* In cases involving plea agreements or recommendations for certain conditions of imprisonment or prospective sentence modification, the Prosecution and Defense shall provide whatever post-trial information or recommendation as is relevant to any subsequent decision regarding such condition or suspension, remission, commutation, or other modification recommendation associated with the sentence.

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