

DSCA 01-14
Designation of Military Department Cognizance of Commercial
Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) Programs
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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS)
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
DIRECTOR, NAVY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: Designation of Military Department Cognizance of Commercial Airborne
Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) Programs (DSCA 01-14)

This memorandum supersedes DSCA policy 00-05 (dated 15 Mar 2000). Since that time additional commercial AEW&C derivatives (both airframe and radar) have been proposed.

On 18 October 1999, the Deputy Secretary of Defense signed the commercial AEW&C policy memorandum, attached. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that commercial AEW&C systems are interoperable and compatible with U.S. systems, and compliant with technology transfer provisions. The policy delegates a cognizant military department the authority to insist upon a cooperative program or an FMS case when necessary to ensure the requisite interoperability, compatibility, and compliance of DCS commercial AEW&C systems.

This DSCA memo implements the DEPSECDEF commercial AEW&C policy by assigning cognizance for each of the current commercial AEW&C systems to the military department as follows:

U.S.2 Air Force cognizance:

MESA Radar variants

ELTA/PHALCON Radar variants (with U.S. industry integration)

U.S. Navy cognizance:

AURA Radar variants

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Attachment 1
Commercial Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) Policy
18 October 1999

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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AND TECHNOLOGY
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY

Subject: Commercial Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) Policy

Current policy requires the radar and mission systems for E-3 and E-767 AWACS, E-2C, and C-130J using the E-2C mission system be sold via FMS. The purpose of this policy is to ensure interoperability, compatibility, supportability, releasability, fleetwide commonality for future upgrades, and compliance with technology transfer policy issues. However, commercial AEW&C systems are being offered to U.S. allies for military use through direct commercial sales under export licenses with little Department of Defense (DoD) insight into the final technology being transferred and no assurance that the delivered systems will be interoperable/compatible with DoD systems in coalition operations. It is in the best interest of the Government to have more DoD involvement in direct commercial sales that include AEW&C systems.

Effective immediately, for direct commercial sales that include AWE&C systems, the cognizant military department shall insist upon establishment of a government-to-government relationship, either via a cooperative program or an FMS case, when necessary to ensure interoperability and compatibility with U.S. systems and compliance with technology transfer limitations. This requirement will be incorporated in appropriate munitions case provisions that will be forwarded to the Department of State for inclusion in export licenses for direct commercial sales that include these systems.

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