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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 3120.16C

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: EMBARKATION OF U.S. NAVAL UNITS AND PERSONNEL ABOARD
FOREIGN NAVAL SHIPS OR OF FOREIGN MILITARY UNITS AND
PERSONNEL ABOARD U.S. NAVAL SHIPS

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5510.60M
(b) SECNAVINST 5510.34A
(c) CJCSI 3121.01B (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To set forth policy concerning the embarkation of foreign military units and personnel aboard U.S. naval ships and the embarkation of U.S. naval units and personnel aboard foreign naval ships.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 3120.16B.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the embarkation of foreign military units and personnel aboard U.S. naval ships and the embarkation of U.S. naval units and personnel aboard foreign naval ships for the purpose of conducting military operations. This instruction does not apply to ship visits, embarkation for the purpose of exercises, or personnel exchange programs/foreign exchange personnel.

4. Background. References (a) and (b) outline requirements regarding the disclosure of classified military information and controlled unclassified information to foreign governments and foreign representatives. Reference (c) outlines issues related to self-defense and rules of engagement.

5. Action

a. Navy service component commanders are the approval authority for embarkations covered by this instruction. Navy service component commanders shall inform the Chief of Naval Operations via message to Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for

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Operations, Plans, and Strategy (DCNO (N3/N5)) at least 30 days prior to embarkation. The types of embarkations governed by this instruction are detailed below:

(1) Embarkation of foreign military units and personnel (military members, aircraft, tactical air control parties, etc.) aboard U.S. naval ships for the conduct of military operations.

(2) Embarkation of U.S. naval units and personnel (officer and enlisted personnel, aircraft, tactical air control parties, etc.) aboard foreign naval ships for the conduct of military operations.

(3) Embarkation of foreign armed forces' commanders and/or their staffs aboard U.S. naval ships for the purpose of exercising military command and/or control.

(4) Embarkation of U.S. naval officers and enlisted personnel aboard foreign combatant ships for the purpose of exercising command and/or control of U.S., foreign, or combined forces.

b. If exigent circumstances prevent such advance notice, Navy service component commanders shall notify DCNO (N3/N5) as soon as possible.

c. Prior notification shall include the date of embarkation and debarkation, nature of the operation, nationalities involved, and size of embarked contingents.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of November 2007.


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