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**Maritime
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SUBJECT

NATIONAL SHIPPING AUTHORITY

Section 1. Organization:

1.01 Department of Transportation (DOT) Order 1100.69A designates the Maritime Administrator to serve as the Director of the National Shipping Authority (NSA)(hereinafter, Director).

1.02 In peacetime, the NSA is a continuing entity in the Maritime Administration (MARAD) without a distinct organizational structure.

1.03 When necessary to meet the requirements of national security emergencies, the NSA operates as a separate component of MARAD and is organized initially in accordance with MARAD's Operation Plan 001A.

1.04 The activities of the NSA will be coordinated with the work of other organizational components of MARAD by the Deputy Maritime Administrator.

Section 2. Delegations of Authority Under Non-emergency Conditions:

2.01 The Associate Administrator for National Security is authorized to exercise the powers and authorities of the Director set out in section 2.04, Maritime Administrative Order (MAO) 60-1.

2.02 The Associate Administrator for Port, Intermodal, and Environmental Activities is authorized to exercise the powers and authorities of the Director set out in section 2.04, MAO 80-1.

Section 3. Delegations of Authority Under Emergency Conditions:

3.01 The Director shall prescribe the emergency organization of the NSA as a separate component of MARAD and shall delegate authority within that organization by NSA Administrative Order. The NSA will have the following major organizational elements:

- Immediate Office of the Director
- Office of the Deputy Director for Ship Operations
- Office of the Deputy Director for Commercial Shipping
- Office of the Deputy Director for Port Operations

3.02 The immediate office of the Director includes the Executive Director. The Executive Director is the principal assistant to the Director and shall perform such duties as the Director may prescribe. All authorities of the Director which can be delegated are hereby delegated to the Executive Director to be exercised in the direction of NSA activities.

3.03 In addition to the delegations in section 2.04 of MAO 60-1, the Deputy Director for Ship Operations is authorized to exercise the powers and authorities of the Director with respect to acquisition of U.S.-owned, Allied and other foreign ships by requisition and voluntary arrangement to meet the military and other needs of the United States, subject to the execution of charters by MARAD's Director of Acquisition; operation, maintenance and repair of chartered ships; maintenance of reserve fleets and activation and operation of reserve ships; administration of voluntary agreements for provision of shipping capacity and shipping services for defense use; coordination with Department of the Navy (Navy) on salvage services for merchant shipping; and coordination with the Navy on transfer of prizes to the NSA.

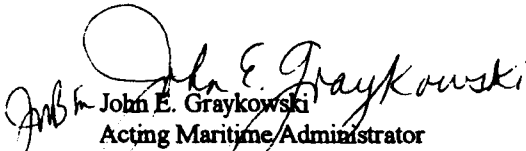
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3.04 The Deputy Director for Commercial Shipping is authorized to exercise the powers and authorities of the Director with respect to determination of just compensation in accordance with policies approved by the Director, coordination and control of ships in U.S. foreign and domestic commerce and with respect to war risk insurance and other marine insurance functions of MARAD and the NSA.

3.05 In addition to the delegations in section 2.04 of MAO 80-1, the Deputy Director for Port Operations is authorized to exercise the powers and authorities of the Director with respect to coordination and control of the operations of non-military ports in the United States and its territories.

Section 4. Exercise of Delegated Authorities: Notwithstanding the above delegations of authorities, the Executive Director and Deputy Directors shall bring to the attention of the Director any action which establishes or changes policy and any other case which in the judgment of these officials should be acted upon by the Director.

Section 5. Other Staff: Within the Office of the Director will be such other assistants as the Director deems necessary to give emphasis and direction to the NSA's activities.


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