MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION


Section 141 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, Pub. L. No. 108-375, requires the Department to revise regulations, directives, and guidance to require the following with respect to “covered systems”:

(1) an assessment of warfighter survivability and of system suitability against asymmetric threats as part of the development of system requirements; and,

(2) key performance parameters for force protection and survivability as part of the documentation of system requirements.

“Covered systems” means any of the following systems that are expected to be deployed in an asymmetric threat environment: (1) any manned system; or (2) any equipment intended to enhance personnel survivability.

These requirements do not apply to systems that entered low-rate initial production (LRIP) before October 28, 2004. All other covered systems must meet the requirements of section 141, regardless of acquisition category and regardless of whether the system’s requirements documents have been approved previously. With respect to programs using an evolutionary approach, section 141 applies to each increment that had not entered LRIP prior to October 28, 2004.

This policy is effective immediately. Department of Defense Instruction 5000.2 and associated policies will be revised consistent with this direction.

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