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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENTAL STANDARDIZATION OFFICES

SUBJECT: Policy Memo 02-1, "Indexing of U.S.-Ratified International Standardization Agreements Not Yet Promulgated"

Under current policy, only International Standardization Agreements (ISAs) that have been both ratified by the U.S. and promulgated by the sponsoring treaty organization may be included in the Acquisition Streamlining and Standardization Information System (ASSIST) database. Typically, U.S. ratification precedes the official promulgation. In some cases, the time difference between U.S. ratification and promulgation can be years. To give program offices and their support organizations advance access to U.S. ratified ISAs that are not yet promulgated, we are changing the policy to allow all U.S.-ratified ISAs to be included in ASSIST. Since there may be a rare occasion where an ISA is never promulgated, the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) must review U.S.-ratified ISAs that are not promulgated every two years to determine whether they should be retained or removed from the ASSIST.

The following addition to paragraph C6.9 in DoD 4120.24-M, "Defense Standardization Program (DSP) Policies and Procedures," is effective immediately:

"The OPR may also send to the DoDSSP for inclusion in ASSIST any U.S.-ratified ISAs that are not yet promulgated. Once the ISA is promulgated, the OPR shall notify the DoDSSP to make a change to the promulgation status in the ASSIST database. If the ISA has not been promulgated two years after U.S. ratification, the OPR shall check on the promulgation status and either request the DoDSSP to remove the ISA from ASSIST or retain it for another two-year period. If the ISA has not been promulgated after four years following U.S. ratification, the DoDSSP shall remove it from ASSIST after notifying the OPR."

If you have any questions about the above change, the point of contact is Mr. John Tascher, DSN 427-6872 or (703) 767-6872.


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