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SUBJ/DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY APPROACH TO IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 508 /COMPLIANCE STANDARDS//

REF/A/DOC/FEDERAL ACCESS BOARD/21DEC2000//

AMPN/REF A IS THE FINAL ELECTRONIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBILITY OF DISABLED PERSONS, PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER, PART II, ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD, 36 CFR PART 1194, 21 DEC 00.//

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RMKS/1. SECTION 508 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT AS AMENDED, 29 U.S.C. SECTION 794D, REQUIRES THAT WHEN FEDERAL AGENCIES DEVELOP, PROCURE, MAINTAIN OR USE ELECTRONIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT), THEY MUST ENSURE THAT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH DISABILITIES, HAVE ACCESS TO AND USE OF INFORMATION AND DATA
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COMPARABLE TO THAT AVAILABLE TO NON-DISABLED EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNLESS MEETING COMPLIANCE STANDARDS WOULD POSE AN UNDUE BURDEN. NATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEMS ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT. NATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEMS ARE DEFINED AS, QUOTE ANY TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR INFORMATION SYSTEM OPERATED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THE FUNCTION, OPERATION, OR USE OF WHICH: INVOLVES INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES; INVOLVES CRYPTOLOGIC ACTIVITIES RELATED TO NATIONAL SECURITY; INVOLVES COMMAND AND CONTROL OF MILITARY FORCES; INVOLVES EQUIPMENT THAT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF A WEAPON OR WEAPONS SYSTEM; IS CRITICAL TO THE DIRECT FULFILLMENT OF MILITARY OR INTELLIGENCE MISSIONS, UNQUOTE. THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT EXEMPT ANY SYSTEM THAT IS TO BE USED FOR ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION AND BUSINESS APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING PAYROLL, FINANCE, LOGISTICS, AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS. SECTION 508 APPLIES TO COMPUTERS AND NETWORKS, HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, WEB PAGES AND EMAIL AS WELL AS EQUIPMENT USED FOR TRANSMITTING, RECEIVING, USING OR STORING INFORMATION SUCH AS FAX MACHINES, COPIERS AND TELEPHONES.

2. ON 21 DEC 00, THE FEDERAL ACCESS BOARD ISSUED REF A FINAL STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNDER SECTION 508 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR COMPLIANCE
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OF 21 JUN 01. FAILURE TO MEET SECTION 508 REQUIREMENTS COULD RESULT IN ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS AND LAWSUITS AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT. TO THAT END, IT IS INCUMBENT ON DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY (DON) COMMANDS TO ENSURE WEB SITES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROCESSES, INCLUDING INTERNET AND INTRANET, WHICH MAY BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS DON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, MEET SECTION 508 STANDARDS.

3. EACH ECHELON II COMMAND, MAJOR CLAIMANT AND DON ORGANIZATION WITH A WEB SITE(S) AND IT PROCESSES THAT FALL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF SECTION 508 REQUIREMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO: (1) ASSIGN A POINT OF CONTACT (POC) FOR SECTION 508 COMPLIANCE ACTIONS; AND (2) PROVIDE NAME AND POC INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER (DON CIO) NO LATER THAN 30 MAR 01. SUBORDINATE COMMANDS SHOULD COORDINATE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE ECHELON II COORDINATOR THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAIN OF COMMAND. THE POC

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NETWORK WILL FACILITATE THE COORDINATION AND ATTAINMENT OF SECTION 508 COMPLIANCE ACROSS THE CHAIN OF COMMAND. LASTLY, THE PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (PEO-IT) IS WORKING WITH EDS, THE NAVY MARINE CORPS INTRANET (NMCI) PRIME CONTRACTOR, TO MAKE SOFTWARE/HARDWARE SOLUTIONS AVAILABLE UNDER THE NMCI CONTRACT.

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4. DON CIO WILL FACILITATE RAISING THE LEVEL OF SECTION 508 AWARENESS THROUGH DISTRIBUTION OF TRAINING MATERIALS TO PROVIDE EACH POC WITH GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE TWO MAJOR AREAS IMPACTED BY THE LAW-WEB PAGE ACCESSIBILITY AND EQUIPMENT/SOFTWARE ACCESSIBILITY. WE ANTICIPATE DISTRIBUTION OF THE INITIAL TRAINING MATERIALS BY 01 APR 01 IN ORDER TO ASSIST COMMANDS IN MEETING THE WEB PAGE COMPLIANCE STANDARDS BY THE 21 JUN 01 COMPLIANCE DATE. THE INITIAL TRAINING MATERIALS SHOULD LIKEWISE BE AVAILABLE BY 01 APR 01 IN ORDER TO ASSIST COMMANDS IN MEETING THE WEB PAGE COMPLIANCE STANDARDS BY THE 21 JUN 01 COMPLIANCE DATE. ALSO BEING ADDRESSED AT THE DEPARTMENT LEVEL IS THE OVERALL SECTION 508 POLICY AS WELL AS THE PROCESSES FOR REQUESTING COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND HANDLING COMPLAINTS.

5. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE SECTION 508 STANDARDS MAY BE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.ACCESS-BOARD.GOV/SEC508/508STANDARDS.PDF](http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/508standards.pdf). PROVIDE POC INFORMATION TO DON CIO ATTN: CDR K. TRACY, DSN 332-6722, COM 703.602.6722. EMAIL: TRACY.KATHERINE@HQ.NAVY.MIL .

6. THE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEB SITES WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO AN UPCOMING REVISION TO SECNAVINST 5720.47, THE DON POLICY FOR PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEB SITES.

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7. RELEASED BY THE HONORABLE ROBERT B. PIRIE, JR., ACTING SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.//

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