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This directive implements Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 4120.24, *Defense Standardization Program*, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction (CJCSI) 2700.01H, *Rationalization, Standardization, and Interoperability Activities*. It establishes Department of the Air Force (DAF) policy to achieve standardization. This publication applies to all civilian employees and uniformed members of the Regular Air Force, the Air Force Reserve, the Air National Guard, the United States Space Force, the Civil Air Patrol when conducting missions as the official Air Force Auxiliary, and those with a contractual obligation to abide by the terms of DAF issuances. Ensure all records generated as a result of processes prescribed in this publication adhere to Air Force Instruction (AFI) 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, and are disposed in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule, which is located in the Air Force Records Information Management System. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the office of primary responsibility (OPR) using the DAF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route DAF Forms 847 from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command. This publication may not be supplemented or further implemented or extended.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

This document has been revised to include the implementation of new DoD issuances, addressing organizational changes including the creation of the United States Space Force (USSF), and

changes to roles and responsibilities, to include the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (AF/A3) as the Lead Agent for North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Aviation Committee.

## 1. Overview.

1.1. DoDI 4120.24 established a single, integrated Defense Standardization Program to achieve the most efficient use of resources and efficient participation in combat, contingency, and exercise operations with United States military services and allies. The program provides uniform processes for developing and deploying standards to enable application of emerging technology and to meet operational user and program management needs. The defense standardization program:

1.1.1. Develops and maintains standardization documents.

1.1.2. Defines standardization requirements.

1.1.3. Documents standardization decisions.

1.1.4. Provides standardization knowledge through information technology tools.

1.1.5. Provides parts management and item reduction in support of integrated life cycle management.

1.1.6. The DAF works with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, other military departments and agencies, non-government standards development organizations, and international military standard organizations to implement an integrated standardization process.

1.1.7. The DAF standardization program implements the defense standardization program, and international military standardization activities outlined in DoDI 2010.06, *Materiel Interoperability and Standardization with Allies and Coalition Partners* and CJCSI 2700.01H.

1.1.8. Standardization is an enabling strategy to help achieve materiel and operational interoperability, reduce system life cycle cost, logistics footprint, and procurement cycle time. Standards provide a basis for warfighters to identify and assess military capability needs for solutions during capability-based requirements development. Use of appropriate standards in acquisition and sustainment programs enables the program manager to establish clear expectations with industry. Standards also provide the warfighter and combat support units with materiel that is compatible, interoperable, and interchangeable.

**2. Policy.** The DAF will work with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, other military departments and agencies, non-government standards development organizations, and international military standardization organizations to implement an integrated standardization process and achieve the following objectives:

2.1. Improve military operational readiness.

2.1.1. Achieve interoperability of systems, subsystems, and equipment among the military departments and with our allies and other friendly nations.

2.1.2. Develop, ratify, and implement operational international standardization agreements based on joint doctrine.

- 2.1.3. Develop, ratify, and implement international standardization agreements based on defense standardization program policy.
- 2.1.4. Improve logistics support and reduce logistics footprint by reducing the variety of supply items.
- 2.1.5. Improve the reliability, maintainability, and safety of systems and supply items.
- 2.1.6. Modernize existing systems, subsystems, and equipment through enabling insertion of new technology and parts.
- 2.2. Reduce total ownership costs.
  - 2.2.1. Reduce the number of nonstandard parts.
  - 2.2.2. Facilitate competition.
  - 2.2.3. Promote the use of common processes and open systems.
  - 2.2.4. Promote standard commercial processes and practices to help harmonize national military and civilian standardization needs, facilitate the development and use of voluntary consensus standards, and achieve global operational objectives.
  - 2.2.5. Use non-government standards and defense standardization program specifications and standards mandated by public law or regulation for the acquisition and sustainment of weapon systems. Except for documents required by law or international treaty, it is the Department of Defense policy to first consider using an existing non-government standard or support revising or developing a non-government standard to meet the Department of Defense needs.
  - 2.2.6. Reduce training costs.
- 2.3. Reduce procurement cycle time.
  - 2.3.1. Use off-the-shelf and previously qualified standard items.
  - 2.3.2. Use open systems and standard interfaces to permit rapid introduction of new technologies.

### **3. Roles and Responsibilities.**

#### **3.1. Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (SAF/AQ).**

- 3.1.1. The Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering (SAF/AQR) serves as the Department of Air Force Standardization Executive as described in DoDI 4120.24 and is responsible for implementing the defense standardization program.
- 3.1.2. Collaborates with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Integration and Requirements (AF/A5/7) on execution of the Air Force Interoperability Council.
- 3.1.3. Collaborates with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (AF/A3) on execution of the NATO Aviation Committee Standardization Program.
- 3.1.4. The Office of Information Dominance Programs (SAF/AQI) serves as the Lead Agent for NATO Air Force Armaments Group.

3.1.5. Ensures acquisition and sustainment programs consider standardization requirements.

3.1.6. Collaborates with the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration (SAF/SQ) on space systems standardization issues and policy.

**3.2. Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration (SAF/SQ).**

3.2.1. The Director, Science and Technology Directorate (SAF/SQT) will provide space focused standardization input to SAF/AQR in support of its role as the DAF Standardization Executive.

**3.3. Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs (SAF/IA) .**

3.3.1. Manage the DAF International Armaments Cooperation policy. It applies to international requirements harmonization, research, development, test, evaluation, acquisition, production, and support of weapons and weapons-related technology in accordance with DAFPD 16-1, *Security Cooperation*.

3.3.2. Serve as Principal Delegated Disclosure Authority in accordance with DAFPD 16-1.

**3.4. Chief Information Officer (SAF/CN).**

3.4.1. Manages the development, designation, and approval of the DAF enterprise architecture consisting of information technology and national security system standards, profiles, and preferred products for use in planning and acquiring information technology/national security system capabilities in accordance with AFD 17-1, *Information Dominance Governance and Management*.

3.4.2. With the exception of intelligence-related systems and standards and in coordination with SAF/AQ, establishes and maintains the technical standards, protocols, technical guidelines, reference architecture, and implementation constraints for the desired future state of the DAF and Department of Defense Information Network infrastructure and services, in accordance with AFD 17-1.

**3.5. Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Integration, and Requirements (AF/A5/7)** is responsible for supporting the Five Eyes Air Force Interoperability Council (FVEY AFIC), the NATO Military Committee Air Standardization Board (NATO MCASB), and the associated International Military Standardization Programs (IMSPs), as Lead Agent IAW CJCSI 2700.01H.

**3.6. Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (AF/A3)** is responsible for supporting the IMSP as Lead Agent for the NATO Aviation Committee IAW CJCSI 2700.01H.

**3.7. Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection (AF/A4)** ensures materiel standardization as described in the Defense Standardization Program Office Standardization Directory 23 (SD-23), *Department of Defense Item Reduction Program*, is addressed in departmental logistics guidance and processes.

**3.8. Designated Major Command and Field Commands** will support the execution of the defense standardization program and the international military standardization program responsibilities. Subordinate major command organizations and field operating agencies with

assigned responsibilities will designate an organizational Standardization Management Executive as appropriate. Detailed responsibilities are defined in implementing directive publications.

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**Attachment 1****GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

44USC § 3552, *Definitions*

DoDI 2010.06, *Materiel Interoperability and Standardization with Allies and Coalition Partners*, 31 August 2018

DoDI 4120.24, *Defense Standardization Program*, 31 March 2022

DoDD 8000.01, *Management of the Department of Defense Information Enterprise (DoD IE)*, 27 July 2017

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***Adopted Forms***

DAF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

***Abbreviations and Acronyms***

**DAF**—Department of the Air Force

**DoD**—Department of Defense

**DoDI**—Department of Defense Instruction

**MCASB**—Military Committee Air Standardization Board

**NATO**—North Atlantic Treaty Organization

**USSF**—United States Space Force

***Office Symbols***

**AF/A3**—Deputy Chief of Staff Operations

**AF/A4**—Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection

**AF/A5/7**—Deputy Chief of Staff Strategy, Integration, and Requirements

**SAF/AQ**—Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics)

**SAF/AQI**—Information Dominance

**SAF/AQR**—Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Science, Technology & Engineering)

**SAF/AQRE**—Engineering & Force Management Division

**SAF/CN**—Chief Information Officer

**SAF/IA**—Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs

**SAF/SQ**—Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration

### *Terms*

**Implementation**—The fulfillment by a nation or Service of its obligation under the terms of a ratified International Standardization Agreement that usually requires a documented national action that meets the terms of the agreement. (DoDM 4120.24).

**Information Technology**—Any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment used in the automatic acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information by the executive agency. This includes if the equipment is used by the executive agency directly or is used by a contractor under a contract with the executive agency that requires the use of that equipment; or of that equipment to a significant extent in the performance of a service or the furnishing of a product. IT includes computers, ancillary equipment, software, firmware, and similar procedures, services (including support services), and related resources, but does not include any equipment acquired by a federal contractor incidental to a federal contract. See DoDD 8000.01, Part II.

**International Military Standardization**—A program to enable the air forces of the United States, and its allies and other friendly coalition nations to operate together in the most effective manner; achieved through the closest practical cooperation among these military forces, with the efficient use of resources, and the reduction of operational, logistical, technical, and procedural obstacles.

**International Standardization Agreement**—The record of an agreement among several or all of the member nations of a multi-national treaty organization to standardize on materiel and non-materiel areas.

**National Security System**—any information system (including any telecommunications system) used or operated by an agency or by a contractor of an agency, or other organization on behalf of an agency— the function, operation, or use of which involves intelligence activities; cryptologic activities related to national security; command and control of military forces; or equipment that is an integral part of a weapon or weapons system. Any information system that is critical to the direct fulfillment of military or intelligence missions but does not include a system that is to be used for routine administrative and business applications (including payroll, finance, logistics, and personnel management applications). Any information system that is protected at all times by procedures established for information that have been specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order or an Act of Congress to be kept classified in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. See Title 44, United States Code, Section 3552 (b)(6)(A).