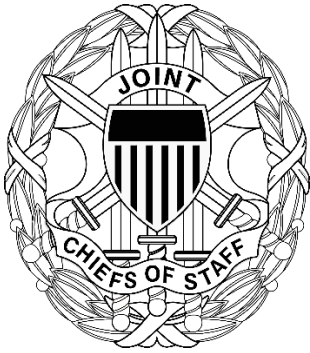


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### RETURN OF OVERSEAS SITES

#### References:

- a. DoDI 4165.69, 20 December 2021, "Return of DoD Sites Overseas"
- b. CJCSI 2300.02 Series, "Coordination of Overseas Force Structure Changes and Host-Nation Notification"

1. Purpose. This instruction provides Joint Staff guidance for overseas site returns, proposed residual value (RV) settlements, and payment-in-kind (PIK) actions in order to:

- a. Implement reference a.

- b. Ensure that overseas sites and associated facilities used, operated, and maintained by the Department of Defense (DoD) that are no longer required by the DoD are promptly nominated for return.

2. Superseded/Cancellation. CJCSI 2300.03D, 26 June 2013, "Realignment of Overseas Sites," is hereby superseded.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the Joint Staff and Combatant Commands (CCMDs).

4. Policy. Reference a establishes DoD policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures for the return of sites used, controlled, and maintained by DoD outside the United States. This instruction implements those policies and procedures as they apply to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and CCMDs.

5. Definitions. Reference a establishes all definitions relevant to the return of overseas sites.

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## 6. Responsibilities

### a. The Combatant Commanders (CCDRs) will:

(1) Review and screen DoD Component return packages, RV settlements, and PIK actions.

(2) Forward proposed overseas returns, with recommendations for RV settlements and PIK actions, to the Director, Joint Staff (DJS), keeping the initiating authority advised. Ensure force structure changes tied to site realignments are submitted in accordance with reference b.

(3) Coordinate the public release of a decision to realign overseas sites through the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs (ATSD(PA)). ATSD(PA) will approve the content and timing of related press releases and will issue public affairs guidance to the public affairs offices of DoD Components in accordance with reference b.

(4) Submit reports to DJS, as required by reference a.

### b. DJS will:

(1) Review all CCDR overseas site return packages, with recommended RV settlement and PIK actions.

(2) Forward coordinated recommendations to the appropriate DoD authority.

(3) Forward notification to CCDRs and Service Chiefs of DoD return, RV, and PIK decisions.

### c. The Joint Staff Director for Logistics, J-4 will:

(1) Serve as the Joint Staff lead for overseas site returns, including RV settlements and PIK actions.

(2) Coordinate with the Joint Staff Directorate for Strategy, Plans, and Policy, J-5 and Directorate for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment, J-8 and other relevant CCDRs on site return actions.

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d. The DJ-5 will:

(1) Serve as the Joint Staff lead for overseas force structure changes and host nation notifications in accordance with reference b.

(2) Coordinate with Joint Staff J-4 on overseas site returns, including RV settlements and PIK actions.

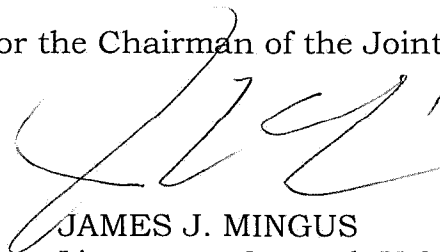
e. The DJ-8 will coordinate with Joint Staff J-4 and J-5 on all submitted overseas site returns in accordance with references a and b.

7. Summary of Changes. This administrative update of CJCSI 2300.03D revises the roles and responsibilities of Combatant Commands and the Joint Staff to focus on the return of overseas sites to host nations in accordance with reference a.

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9. Effective Date. This INSTRUCTION is effective upon receipt.

For the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mingus', is written over the printed name. To the right of the signature, the date '10 FEB 23' is handwritten.

JAMES J. MINGUS  
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army  
Director, Joint Staff

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## GLOSSARY

### ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

CCDR	Combatant Commander
CCMD	Combatant Command
DoD	Department of Defense
PIK	payment-in-kind
RV	residual value

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