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INTERIM GUIDANCE TO CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
INSTRUCTION 6250.01 SERIES, "DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SATELLITE
COMMUNICATIONS"

Reference(s):

- a. CJCSI 6250.01 Series, "Department of Defense Satellite Communications"
- b. CM-0182-17, "Legacy Ultra High Frequency Military Satellite Communications Transition to Integrated Waveform Requirement," 31 July 2017
- c. SI 714-4, "Satellite Communications," 14 October 2014

1. Purpose. Enclosure A provides interim guidance to reference a.
2. Superseded/Cancellation. None
3. Applicability. This interim guidance applies to authorized users of Department of Defense (DoD) Satellite Communications (SATCOM) that plan, use, manage, control, provide or are provided, exchange, and sustain operational DoD SATCOM resources. These resources include DoD-owned satellites, control, and terminal infrastructure (commonly referred to as military SATCOM); hosted payloads; leased and acquired commercial SATCOM resources including ground infrastructure; joint and international partner systems used by the DoD. Nothing in this interim guidance alters or supersedes the existing authorities or policies of the Director of National Intelligence regarding the protection of sensitive compartmented information or timely transmission of critical intelligence as directed by Executive Order 12333.
4. Background. Reference b provided Joint Staff (JS) guidance for maximizing the usage of integrated waveform (IW) networks for legacy ultra-high frequency (UHF) SATCOM. JS waivers must be obtained for the continued usage of non-IW networks beginning 1 October 2019.

5. Action or Procedure. Updated policy enables DoD SATCOM users to request IW waivers if necessary in compliance with reference b.
6. Summary of Changes. This interim guidance supplements Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction (CJCSI) 6250.01 Series by providing the waiver process for continued non-IW Legacy UHF SATCOM network usage subsequent to 1 October 2019.
7. Releasability. UNRESTRICTED. This interim guidance is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited on NIPRNET. DoD Components (to include the Combatant Commands (CCMDs)), other Federal agencies, and the public, may obtain copies of this directive through the Internet from the CJCS Directives Electronic Library at <<http://www.jcs.mil/library>>. JS activities may also obtain access via the SIPR Directives Electronic Library Websites.
8. Effective Date. This NOTICE is effective upon receipt and shall be canceled upon revision of CJCSI 6250.01 Series.

For the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:



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Enclosure

A -- Integrated Waveform (IW) Waiver Process

ENCLOSURE A

INTEGRATED WAVEFORM (IW) WAIVER PROCESS

1. Purpose. Reference b directs the usage of IW for Narrowband Legacy SATCOM or for obtaining a waiver. This enclosure provides guidance for obtaining a waiver and defines the waiver process.

2. Operational Waivers

a. Required when all U.S. terminals are IW capable but a dedicated or Demand Assigned Multiple Access is requested. Examples of this case include insufficient training for all participants, participation in a coalition network, research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) testing, or other incompatibility issues.

b. Used to permit access during terminal waiver processing, as defined in CJCSI 6250.01 Series.

c. Do Not Guarantee Access

(1) Satellite access authorizations are processed based upon resource availability, priority, allocation policy.

(2) The compilation or aggregation of information may change the classification of operational waivers, which must be handled in accordance with DoD classification standards.

3. Roles and Responsibilities. Table 1 lists reasons a waiver may be required. It also identifies approval authority and which organizations are responsible for submitting waivers.

Waiver Type	Reason	Submitter	Approval Authority
Operational	Insufficient IW Training	Services and Service Components as appropriate	CCMD/Service/Agency (CC/S/A)Validator
Operational	RDT&E Network	SAR Originator	CC/S/A Validator
Operational	Coalition Interoperability	CCMD or Service Component	Joint Staff
Operational	To allow access during terminal waiver processing	CCMD	Joint Staff
Operational	Incompatibility Issues	CCMD	Joint Staff

Table 1. Operational Waivers Roles and Responsibilities

a. The JS has final decision authority for all waiver request conflicts.

b. U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) will evaluate waiver requests as tasked by JS and provide technical recommendations. USSTRATCOM will

coordinate recommendations with appropriate offices in accordance with reference c.

c. CCMDs will approve waivers requested due to training or RDT&E.

d. Services will request operational waivers when users lack adequate IW training.

e. Service components will coordinate with their parent Service to ensure that training plans for IW training deficiencies are in place. Training plans and schedule must be included in the operational waivers. CCMDs or Service components will also submit waivers for coalition partners (CP) with which they conduct United States led operations when CP terminals are IW incapable and/or there are training deficiencies that preclude the use of IW.

f. International partners will route operational waiver requests through sponsoring CCMD or Service component as appropriate.

4. Waiver Request Processing

a. Using the template (Appendix A), submit waiver requests requiring JS approval to: JS Command, Control, Communications and Computers (C4)/Cyber Directorate/C4 Transport Division: <js.pentagon.j6.mbx.dd-c4-cyber-c4td-satcom-team@mail.mil>; 703-695-9875.

b. Approved operational waivers will be posted on the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command operational waiver Registry:
<<https://intelshare.intelink.sgov.gov/sites/space/JFCC%20SPACE/SATCOM/NB/SitePages/Home.aspx>> (SIPRNET - accessed: 18 July 2019).

5. Additional Information

a. Operational Waiver Processing Times

(1) Routine. Thirty days from a completed waiver request, if associated terminal waivers are not approved, processing times may be extended.

(2) In order to consider processing the waiver request under 30 days, requests for expedited processing of routine waivers must be endorsed at the O-6 level and the waiver request will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

(3) CCMD-validated Crisis or Contingency. Waiver requests submitted in support of CCMD-validated crisis or contingency (defined in reference c) will be expedited.

b. Consider CC/S/A processing times for Satellite Access Requests (SARs) when requesting waivers. SARs will not be validated until required waivers are submitted and approved. SARs supporting operational mission requirements without an approved JS waiver will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

c. Operational waiver requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The JS may approve recurring requests. Approval periods longer than 6 months will require a compelling rationale.

d. All approved operational waivers must be referenced in all SARs in Time Division Multiple Access Status Section field(s).

e. Operational waivers are subject to cancellation once the waived mission obtains capability to utilize IW resources.

f. Any waiver will be cancelled or revoked if it becomes apparent that the use of the terminal(s) creates a detrimental impact on other user systems (e.g. Electromagnetic Interference).

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APPENDIX A TO ENCLOSURE A
OPERATIONAL WAIVER TEMPLATE

MEMORANDUM FOR <DIRECTOR FOR COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS
AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS, JOINT STAFF or COMBATANT
COMMAND/SERVICE/ AGENCY VALIDATOR (See Table 1)>

FROM: <SAR SUBMITTER (OR USER, CCMD, PROGRAM OFFICE) OFFICE CODE>

SUBJECT: <Legacy Ultra-High Frequency – Integrated Waveform Operational Waiver>

References:

Provide the following information (Use “N/A” if not applicable):

1. Point of contact information
2. Name/Type of network. Identify the communications topology of the user network/system, and type of communication requirement
3. Function of the network (voice or data). If used for data, identify data rate requirements
4. SATCOM database (SDB) number or USSTRATCOM SDB waiver.
5. Waiver duration. Provide explanation if recurring
6. CJCSI 6250.01, Appendix A to Enclosure D Mission Priority
7. Rationale for non-IW usage (e.g., Coalition Network Participation, Insufficient Training, Incompatibility Issues, Other)
 - a. <Provide supporting documentation such as Training Plans, Coalition Network Interoperability (MOU/MOA/OPLANs/OPORDs) or description of “Incompatibility Issues” or “Other” designation. Provide migration path to IW or to resolve issues.>

Figure 1. Operational Waiver Template

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