Department of Defense Instruction

SUBJECT: Defense Freight Railway Interchange Fleet (DFRIF)

(c) DoD Instruction 4115.1, "DoD Coordinated Procurement Program - Purchase Assignments," September 1, 1972

A. PURPOSE

This Instruction supplements reference (a) and provides Department of Defense (DoD) policy governing the Defense Freight Railway Interchange Fleet (DFRIF).

B. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

The provisions of this Instruction apply to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Defense Agencies (hereafter referred to as "DoD Components").

C. DEFINITIONS


2. Common-User DFRIF Equipment. Railway rolling stock that is suitable for assignment on a common basis within the Department of Defense. It is equipment that can be used or is used to support the movement requirements of two or more DoD Components without design modification.

3. Special Purpose DFRIF Equipment. Railway rolling stock of unique design that has been procured or modified to meet the transportation requirements of one DoD Component.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) will resolve questions relative to the appropriateness of designating a piece of equipment as special purpose vice common-user.
2. **Heads of DoD Components shall:**

   a. **Plan, program, and budget for costs:**

   (1) Associated with the acquisition, modification, overhaul, and lease of special purpose DFRIF equipment in accordance with DoD Manual 7110.1-M (reference (b)).

   (2) Incurred when railway rolling stock is withdrawn from DFRIF interchange service at the request of the DoD Component concerned and placed in storage to meet a unique mobilization requirement.

   b. Provide funded Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request or other appropriate funding instrument in accordance with DoD Instruction 4115.1 (reference (c)), to:

   (1) The Department of the Army for the procurement, modification, or overhaul of special purpose DFRIF equipment (DoD Instruction 4115.1, reference (c)).

   (2) The Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) for the lease of special purpose equipment to augment the DFRIF; and for costs incurred in support of paragraph 2.a.(2) above.

   c. Provide annual mobilization and peacetime material shipping requirements for use by the MTMC in determining flatcar and tank car requirements.

3. **The Secretary of the Army, as the DoD Single Manager for Military Traffic, Land Transportation and Common-User Ocean Terminals, shall:**

   a. **Plan, program, and budget for the acquisition, modification, and overhaul of common-user DFRIF equipment.**

   b. Procure all DFRIF equipment with the Department of the Army or other DoD Component funds, as defined separately within this instruction (see 2.a.(1) and 3.a., above).

4. **The MTMC, as Executive Agent for the Secretary of the Army, shall:**

   a. **Control and direct the operation of all DFRIF equipment.**

   b. **Plan, program, and budget for the maintenance of all DFRIF equipment.**

   c. Provide for the augmentation of DFRIF capability by the lease of special-purpose equipment utilizing the appropriate DoD Component funds. Augmentation of common user equipment by the lease of commercial assets will be accomplished with DFRIF funds.
d. Provide accountability for, and turn-in of excess DFRIF equipment to the National Inventory Control Point.

e. Provide for separate accounting for DFRIF revenues and costs in MTMC's Army Industrial Fund.

f. Provide the DoD Components with available historical DFRIF rail shipment data upon request.

E. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Instruction is effective immediately. Forward one copy of implementing regulations to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) within 120 days.

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