



Department of Defense DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: DoD Criminal Investigation Standards, Policies, and Procedures

- References:
- (a) DoD Directive 5505.1, subject as above, February 13, 1985 (hereby canceled)
 - (b) DoD 5505.1-M, "DoD Criminal Investigation Policy and Procedures Manual" (authorized by this Directive)
 - (c) [DoD 5025.1-M](#), "DoD Directives System Procedures," August 1994
 - (d) Public Law 95-452, "Inspector General Act of 1978," as amended, October 12, 1978
 - (e) [DoD Directive 5106.1](#), "Inspector General of the Department of Defense," March 14, 1983

1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive:

- 1.1. Reissues and updates reference (a).
- 1.2. Authorizes publication of DoD 5505.1-M, "DoD Criminal Investigation Policy and Procedures Manual" (reference (b)), consistent with DoD 5025.1-M (reference (c)), to provide expanded guidance on investigative policies and procedures under Public Law 95-452 (reference (d)) and DoD Directive 5106.1 (reference (e)).

2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to:

2.1. The Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, and the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, and Defense Agencies that have any organization that conducts investigations of possible violations of criminal laws of the United States (hereafter referred to collectively as "DoD Components").

2.2. The Defense Criminal Investigative Organizations (DCIOs).

3. POLICY

3.1. It is DoD policy to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of DoD criminal investigation activities through development and implementation of lawful and consistent standards, policies, and procedures. Such consistent guidance also provides a basis, in part, for measuring the quality and effectiveness of criminal investigation operations.

3.2. The standards, policies, and procedures to be included in reference (b) will allow ample latitude for DoD criminal investigative organizations to provide for unique operational requirements and for tailoring the investigation management process to individual circumstances.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. The Inspector General, Department of Defense (IG, DoD), or designee, the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Criminal Investigative Policy and Oversight (DAIG-CIPO), shall develop, publish, and maintain reference (b), consistent with reference (c).

4.2. The Heads of the DoD Components shall:

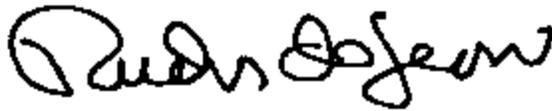
4.2.1. Ensure adherence to reference (b) (when published), including development of any detailed procedures and processes required for its implementation.

4.2.2. Recommend changes to reference (b) (when published) to the Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense (OIG, DoD), and ensure timely coordination on changes proposed by the OIG, DoD.

4.2.3. Submit updated distribution requirements for reference (b) (when published) to the OIG, DoD.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.

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Rudy de Leon
Deputy Secretary of Defense