SUBJECT: Military Commissaries


1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive:

1.1. Reissues reference (a) to delegate responsibilities regarding the uniform operation of all DoD commissaries.

1.2. Authorizes the publication of DoD 1330.17-R, "Armed Services Commissary Regulations (ASCR)."

2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the Military Departments.

3. POLICY

It is DoD policy that commissaries shall be operated as appropriated funded activities as an integral element of the military pay and benefits package. The intent of patronage is to provide an income effect benefit through savings on food and household items necessary to subsist and maintain the household of the military member and family for the inclusive periods of compensated duty/service. Therefore, the compensation status of the military member is the primary determinant of authorization to these privileges.
DoD commissaries shall provide authorized items for sale to authorized patrons, at the lowest practical prices, in facilities designed and operated under standards similar to those in commercial food stores.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) (ASD(FM&P)) shall:

4.1.1. Establish/define uniform policies for military commissary operations in the following minimum areas:

4.1.1.1. Authorized patrons;
4.1.1.2. Funding policy;
4.1.1.3. Commissary establishment/disestablishment;
4.1.1.4. Pricing and surcharge;
4.1.1.5. Items to be stocked;
4.1.1.6. Reporting and preparation of "The DoD Commissary Operations Report";
4.1.1.7. Responsibilities of the DoD Commissary Executive Board.

4.1.2. Publish, maintain, and revise the ASCR as necessary.

4.2. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (ASD(C)) shall advise the ASD(FM&P) on accounting, budgeting, funding, and pricing policy for commissaries published in the ASCR.

4.3. The Secretaries of the Military Departments, or their designees, shall comply with and implement the provisions of this Directive and the ASCR.

5. INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The "DoD Commissary Operations Report" has been assigned Report Control Symbol DD-FMP(A)1187.
6. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Directive is effective immediately.

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