



**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation

# ORDER

DOT 1610.2

2-10-84

**Subject:** NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY COMMITTEE (NCSC) POLICY AND  
NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC) ISSUANCE SYSTEM

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1. PURPOSE. This Order provides for the dissemination of NCSC policy and National COMSEC issuances within the Department of Transportation (DOT).
2. CANCELLATION. DOT 1610.1, Communications Security (COMSEC) and Emanations Security (EMSEC) Issuance System, of 8-31-72.
3. REFERENCES. NACSI 1001A, Management of the National COMSEC Issuance System of September 29, 1983.
4. APPLICABILITY. The provisions of this Order apply to the Office of the Secretary (OST) and Operating Administrations.
5. BACKGROUND. By Executive Order 12036, dated January 1978, the Secretary of Defense was designated as the Executive Agent for Communications Security. The Executive Order also states that the Director of the National Security Agency will execute those responsibilities for the Secretary of Defense.

In June of 1980, the Secretary of Defense promulgated to all Federal departments and agencies the National Communications Security Directive which established the National Communications Security Committee (NCSC). This committee was established within the Executive Branch to be used for the coordination of communications security responsibilities of the Secretary of Defense. The committee establishes communications security policy and issues advisories to be implemented by all Federal departments and agencies.

6. DISCUSSION. The Director of the National Security Agency is responsible for managing the National COMSEC issuance system. The Director also develops, publishes and disseminates National COMSEC Instructions (NACSI's), National COMSEC Information Memoranda (NACSIMS) and National COMSEC Advisory Memoranda (NACAMs) after they have been coordinated with the members of the National Communications Security Committee (NCSC).
  - a. NCSC Directives establish broad policy and guidance for COMSEC matters.
  - b. National COMSEC Advisory Memoranda (NACAMs) provide advice and assistance on broad COMSEC matters.
  - c. National COMSEC Information Memoranda (NACSIMS) contain information of general interest or application pertaining to technical or procedural aspects of COMSEC.

- d. National COMSEC Instructions (NACSI) provide instructions and establish technical criteria to be implemented by the departments and agencies on specific COMSEC matters.

7. RESPONSIBILITY

- a. The Director of the Office of Administrative Operations in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration is responsible for managing the National Communications Security Issuance System for the Office of the Secretary. The Director of the Office of Administrative Operations shall comply with the provisions of all NCSC, NACSI, NACSIM, and NACAM directives.
- b. The Heads of Operating Administrations, when not in conflict with existing agreements, shall comply with the provisions of all NCSC, NACSI, NACSIM and NACAM directives.

8. IMPLEMENTATION. The policy and procedures contained in this Order are effective immediately.

- a. The Director of the Office of Administrative Operations for the Office of the Secretary shall forward two copies of the implementing directives to the Director of Information Systems and Telecommunications Policy, M-30, within 180 days of the publication of this Order and also shall submit revised and supplemental directives when issued.
- b. The Heads of Operating Administrations responsible for implementing NCSC and COMSEC policy shall forward two copies of their directives to the Director of Information Systems and Telecommunications Policy, M-30, within 180 days of the publication of this Order and also shall submit revised and supplemental directives when issued.

FOR THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION:



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