

**§ 383a.6 Relationships.**

(a) In the performance of assigned responsibilities and functions, the Director, DeCA, shall:

(1) Have free and direct access to, and communicate with, the DoD Components and other Executive Departments and Agencies concerning commissary activities, as necessary.

(2) Maintain appropriate liaison with other DoD Components, Agencies of the Executive branch, forcing governments, and private sector organizations for the exchange of information on programs and activities in the field of assigned responsibilities.

(3) Use established facilities and services of the Department of Defense and other Federal Agencies, whenever practicable, to avoid duplication and to achieve an appropriate balance of modernization, efficiency, economy, and customer support.

(4) Consult and coordinate with other governmental and nongovernmental agencies on matters related to the mission assigned to the DeCA.

(b) The Secretaries of the Military Departments and Heads of other DoD Components shall:

(1) Provide assistance to the Director, DeCA, in carrying out the responsibilities and functions relating to military commissaries.

(2) Coordinate with the Director, DeCA, on programs and activities that include or are related to military commissaries.

**§ 383a.7 Authority.**

The Director, DeCA is hereby delegated authority to:

(a) Enter into and administer contracts, directly or through a Military Department, a DoD contract administration services component, or other Government Department or Agency, in accordance with applicable laws, DoD regulations, the FAR and the DFARS for supplies, equipment, and services required to accomplish the mission of the DeCA.

(b) Prescribe procedures, standards, and practices for the Department of Defense governing the execution of assigned responsibilities and functions.

(c) Enter into agreements with the Military Departments or other Government entities, as required for the effective

performance of the military commissary program.

(d) Obtain reports, information, advice, and assistance from other DoD Components consistent with the policies and criteria of DoD Directive 7750.5<sup>1</sup>, as may be necessary for the performance of assigned functions and responsibilities.

(e) Establish new DeCA facilities or use existing facilities of the Military Departments, as deemed necessary, for improved effectiveness and economy.

(f) Exercise the operational and administrative authorities contained in the appendix to this part.

**§ 383a.8 Administration.**

(a) The Director and Deputy Director(s) of the DeCA shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense.

(b) The DeCA shall be authorized such personnel, facilities, funds, and other administrative support as the Secretary of Defense deems necessary.

(c) The Military Departments shall assign military personnel to the DeCA in accordance with approved authorizations and procedures for assignment to joint duty.

(d) Programming, budgeting, funding, procuring, auditing, accounting, pricing, and reporting activities of the DeCA shall be in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures.

(e) Appropriated funds shall be used to finance the operating costs of the DeCA with the exception of operating costs authorized for payment from trust revolving funds. A stock fund will be used to finance all inventories procured for resale.

APPENDIX TO PART 383a—DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense, and subject to the direction, authority, and control of the Secretary of Defense, and in accordance with DoD policies, Directives, and Instructions, the Director, DeCA is hereby delegated authority as required in the administration and operation of the DeCA to:

1. Establish advisory committees and employ part-time advisers, as approved by the Secretary of Defense, for the performance of

<sup>1</sup>Copies may be obtained, at cost, from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.