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NARR/REF A, MCO P4720.2C MIMMS FIELD PROCEDURES MANUAL, ESTABLISHES POLICY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF MARINE CORPS GROUND EQUIPMENT. REF B

IS THE COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO MAINTENANCE WHICH RELAXES RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON MAINTAINERS BY THE ECHELONS OF MAINTENANCE.//

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RMKS/1. PURPOSE. TO ELIMINATE RESTRICTIVE, NON-VALUE ADDED MAINTENANCE PROCESS REQUIREMENTS FROM REF A AND EMPLOY A COMMON SENSE

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APPROACH AS PUT FORTH IN REF B.

2. BACKGROUND. THE MAINTENANCE PRODUCTION PROCESS CONTAINED IN REF A, APPENDIX F, STEPS 1-12 STATES THAT "THE EQUIPMENT OWNER WILL PERFORM ALL MAINTENANCE WITHIN THEIR AUTHORIZED ECHELON OF MAINTENANCE (EOM) THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AND ENSURE THAT THE EQUIPMENT REPAIR ORDER (ERO) IS PREPARED PER TM-4700-15/1. THE EQUIPMENT, EQUIPMENT RECORDS, AND ERO WILL BE INDUCTED INTO THE MAINTENANCE ACCEPTANCE PHASE" AND "THE MAINTENANCE SECTION INSPECTOR WILL CHECK TO ENSURE THAT ALL MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE OWNER'S AUTHORIZED EOM WORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED IS ACCOMPLISHED AND THAT THE ERO IS PROPERLY PREPARED. WHEN ALL MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE EQUIPMENT OWNER'S AUTHORIZED EOM IS NOT ACCOMPLISHED OR THE ERO IS NOT PROPERLY PREPARED, THE EQUIPMENT AND ERO WILL BE RETURNED TO THE EQUIPMENT OWNER PER THIS MANUAL, THE PRIORITY OF THE REQUIRED MAINTENANCE, AND MSC'S MMSOP".

3. THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THIS POLICY AND THE PROCEDURES DO NOT SUPPORT THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT, RESULT IN INEFFICIENT USE OF CRITICAL AND SCARCE RESOURCES, AND DELAY THE INDUCTION OF A WEAPON SYSTEM INTO THE MAINTENANCE CYCLE. IN SOME CASES THE TIME REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH ALL LOWER LEVEL, NON-CRITICAL MAINTENANCE ACTIONS EXCEEDS THE TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE

REPAIR BY THE NEXT HIGHER LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE. EVEN IF THE LOWER-LEVEL MAINTENANCE ACTIONS ARE NON-CRITICAL AND UNRELATED TO THE FAILED SYSTEM/COMPONENT THAT REQUIRES HIGHER MAINTENANCE SUPPORT, THE SUPPORTING ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED BY REF A TO REJECT THE REQUEST.

4. POLICY.

A. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, OWNING UNITS ARE AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST MAINTENANCE SUPPORT WITHOUT HAVING ALL LOWER LEVEL MAINTENANCE ACTIONS COMPLETED. MAINTENANCE SUPPORT PROVIDERS SHALL INDUCT EQUIPMENT INTO THE MAINTENANCE CYCLE WITHOUT ALL LOWER LEVEL MAINTENANCE BEING COMPLETED IF THAT MAINTENANCE IS UNRELATED TO THE NEEDED REPAIR.

B. IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE A HIGHER MAINTENANCE TASK CANNOT BE PERFORMED UNTIL LOWER LEVEL MAINTENANCE IS COMPLETED, COORDINATION WILL BE MADE BETWEEN THE EQUIPMENT OWNER AND THE SUPPORTING

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY TO ENSURE THAT THE REQUIRED TASK(S) ARE COMPLETED. THIS MAY INCLUDE THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL ASSISTING, IDENTIFYING, OR PERFORMING ANY ADDITIONAL OPERATOR MAINTENANCE TASK NECESSARY FOR THE EQUIPMENT.

C. THIS POLICY DOES NOT RELIEVE THE EQUIPMENT OWNER FROM THE PAGE 04 RUEOMFC0839 UNCLAS RESPONSIBILITY OF PERFORMING THE MAINTENANCE TASKS DESIGNATED FOR THAT LEVEL. IT ONLY ALLOWS FOR THE EXECUTION OF MAINTENANCE SUPPORT WITHOUT THE PRECONDITION THAT ALL LOWER MAINTENANCE BE PERFORMED AND COMPLETED PRIOR TO INDUCTION.

5. THIS CHANGE IN POLICY WILL STREAMLINE THE MAINTENANCE PROCESS RESULTING IN IMPROVED OPERATIONAL AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT.

6. THIS CHANGE IN POLICY WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT VERSION OF REF A.//

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