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MEMORANDUM FOR CONUS AND OCONUS INSTALLATION COMMANDERS

SUBJECT: Installation Access for Commercial and Direct Store Deliveries to the Commissary

Reference: ASD(M&RA) memorandum, subject: Defense Commissary Agency Mission Critical Personnel and Services, dated March 25, 2020 (attached)

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) appreciates all the support and gratitude you are providing to your local commissaries. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Defense (DoD) designated all commissaries and operational support facilities as mission critical services (reference a). All DeCA store and operational support facility employees are mission critical except when otherwise determined by the installation commander in accordance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 6200.03, "Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) within the DoD," and DoDI 6055.17, "DoD Emergency Management (EM) Program."

Similarly, since a commissary cannot continue to provide its mission critical services to Service members and their families without items to sell, the memorandum calls on installation commanders to ensure continued installation access for resupply trucks and commissary-related support services. To further clarify Ms. Penrod's memo, commissaries receive multiple deliveries each week from third party commercial distributors, which include food, fresh meat, and non-food items. Commissaries also receive multiple deliveries each week from direct store delivery (DSD) vendors for items such as fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs, soda, and potato chips. These products from the commercial distributors and DSD vendors are critical to provide for the care and feeding of our military members and families.

To ensure the commissary is re-supplied in an efficient manner for our valued patrons, DeCA requests the deliveries from third party commercial distributors and DSD vendors be vetted at the installation gate in an efficient manner.

Again, thank you for your support. If you have any questions reference deliveries to the commissary, please do not hesitate to contact your local store management team.

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Attachment
As stated