



## DoD INSTRUCTION 5025.14

# DoD GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL VESSEL OF INTEREST (NVOI) LEXICON

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**Purpose:** In accordance with the authority in DoD Directive 5111.1, the November 30, 2006, Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, and DoD Directive 2005.02E, this issuance establishes policy for the implementation of executive branch guidance for sharing of vessel of interest (VOI) information among DoD Components in accordance with the National Maritime Domain Awareness Plan for the National Strategy for Maritime Security (NMDAP).

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## **SECTION 1: GENERAL ISSUANCE INFORMATION**

**1.1. APPLICABILITY.** This issuance applies to OSD, the Military Departments (including the Coast Guard at all times, including when it is a Service in the Department of Homeland Security by agreement with that Department), the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within DoD (referred to collectively in this issuance as the “DoD Components”).

**1.2. POLICY.** The NVOI Lexicon, as established in Appendix F of the NMDAP, will be implemented broadly across the Department. This standardized categorization guidance minimizes confusion, facilitates rapid and shared understanding of potential threats of VOIs, and maximizes intelligence and information sharing among departments, agencies, and mission partners.

## SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

### 2.1. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY (USD(P)). The USD(P):

- a. In coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USD(I)), oversees and provides policy guidance to the DoD Executive Agent (EA) for Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA).
- b. Oversees compatibility of DoD MDA efforts with national MDA policy and interoperability, as appropriate, with other MDA efforts by other nations and international organizations.
- c. In coordination with the DoD EA for MDA, develops, coordinates, and publishes guidance on the roles, responsibilities, authorities, and relationships for the DoD EA for MDA and associated MDA stakeholders.

**2.2. USD(I).** The USD(I), in accordance with DoD Directive 2005.02E, represents the DoD EA for MDA and the USD(P) to the Director of National Intelligence on DoD-related MDA matters. USD(I) will provide supplemental maritime intelligence guidance, as necessary, to Defense Intelligence Components to implement this issuance.

**2.3. DOD COMPONENT HEADS.** DoD Component heads must revise existing policies, or develop new policies, as necessary, to adopt and:

- a. Integrate the NVOI Lexicon into the component's existing information management or knowledge management plans.
- b. Implement collaborative information and intelligence exchanges with other DoD Components, federal departments and agencies, and foreign mission partners.

**2.4. SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.** In addition to the responsibilities in Paragraph 2.3., the Secretary of the Navy, in his or her capacity as the DoD EA for MDA:

- a. Oversees execution of MDA initiatives within DoD and coordinates on MDA policy with the USD(P).
- b. Ensures continuous, global, and sustainable support for DoD MDA implementation is coordinated with the DoD Components.
- c. Develops and distributes goals, objectives, and desired effects for MDA relevant to DoD missions in coordination with the USD(P) and the USD(I).

## GLOSSARY

### G.1. ACRONYMS.

EA	executive agent
MDA	maritime domain awareness
NMDAP	National Maritime Domain Awareness Plan for the National Strategy for Maritime Security
NVOI	national vessel of interest
USD(P)	Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
USD(I)	Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence
VOI	vessel of interest

**G.2. DEFINITIONS.** Unless otherwise noted, these terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this issuance.

**EA.** Defined in DoD Directive 5101.1.

**DoD MDA.** Defined in DoD Directive 2005.02E.

**MDA.** Defined in the NMDAP.

**mission partner.** Those with whom the DoD cooperates to achieve national goals, such as other departments and agencies of the U.S. Government; State and local governments; allies, coalition members, host nations, and other nations; multinational organizations; non-governmental organizations; and the private sector.

**VOI.** Vessels that may pose a national security, law enforcement, or regulatory threat to the United States.

## **REFERENCES**

- Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, “Delegations of Authority,” November 30, 2006
- DoD Directive 2005.02E, “Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) in the Department of Defense,” March 31, 2015, as amended
- DoD Directive 5101.1, “DoD Executive Agent,” September 3, 2002, as amended
- DoD Directive 5111.1, “Under Secretary of Defense for Policy,” December 8, 1999
- Department of Homeland Security Publication “National Maritime Domain Awareness Plan for the National Strategy for Maritime Security,” December 2013, as amended