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MEMORANDUM FOR JOINT LOGISTICS COMMANDERS  
JOINT AERONAUTICAL COMMANDERS' GROUP

Subj: PROPOSED INSTRUCTION ON MANAGEMENT OF AVIATION CRITICAL  
SAFETY ITEMS (CSI)

Ref: (a) JACG Memorandum dated 22 Jan 2004

In response to reference (a), this office coordinated review of the subject instruction for the Department of the Navy. The Department concurs with the instruction as written upon incorporation of the following changes:

- Delete Paragraph E.2.c in its entirety. This paragraph places constraints on the purchase of items beyond those contemplated by 10 U.S.C. 2319. Such a policy, if permissible, would best be addressed in a document under the cognizance of the individual service HCAs.
- Revise Paragraphs E.2.d and E.2.e to include bankruptcy as a condition requiring re-validation of companies' qualification. The current paragraphs only address supplier changes in manufacturing, design or quality as considerations for re-evaluation. Companies that are having severe financial difficulties should also be re-evaluated to ensure they can and will continue to provide acceptable CSIs.
- Revise Paragraph F.3.f to be consistent with PL 108-136, Section 802. The following change is recommended. "Solicitations and contracts for CSIs properly identify the items as critical safety, that contract awards are made only to sources ***approved by the Design Control Activity***, and that the contracts reflect the technical requirements established by the ***Design Control Activity***."

Should you have any additional questions or require clarification of any portion of this response, please contact Mr. Chuck Silva at (703) 697-4063 or e-mail at charles.silva1@navy.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nicholas J. Kunesh".

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