



U.S. Department
of Transportation
Maritime
Administration

MANUAL OF ORDERS

MARITIME ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

REVOKES

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81-1

EFFECTIVE DATE

August 17, 1999

SUBJECT

OFFICE OF INTERMODAL DEVELOPMENT

Section 1. Organization: The Office of Intermodal Development is supervised by a Director who reports to the Associate Administrator for Port, Intermodal, and Environmental Activities. The office has no formal organizational components.

Section 2. Delegations of Authority: Subject to such conditions and limitations as the Maritime Administrator may impose in other directives, the Director, Office of Intermodal Development, is authorized to exercise all the authorities of the Associate Administrator for Port, Intermodal, and Environmental Activities required to perform the functions assigned in Department of Transportation (DOT) Order 1100.69A and this order, except authority to exercise the authorities of the Director, National Shipping authority, which cannot be redelegated as set forth in Maritime Administrative Order (MAO) 80-1.

Section 3. The Office of Intermodal Development shall:

3.01 Formulate national policies, objectives, and plans and conduct programs for the development and utilization of intermodal transportation systems, and provide technical guidance to the Region Directors in these areas. This includes programs to meet the requirements for operation during national emergencies.

3.02 Formulate and recommend to the Associate Administrator for Port, Intermodal, and Environmental Activities technical and program studies for the promotion, development, and utilization of intermodal transportation systems. Coordinate and direct studies, surveys, and investigations of intermodal facilities, including recommending improvements in their operation and new locations and types of facilities and equipment.

3.03 Consult with and furnish technical intermodal transport information and advice to the Congress, federal agencies, private firms, state and local governments, foreign countries, and other entities. Provide technical assistance and advice on intermodal transport to foreign countries and inter-governmental organizations and furnish foreign intermodal transportation information to the Congress, industry, and government agencies.

3.04 Represent MARAD and, when designated, the DOT or the federal government, in domestic and international matters related to intermodal transport involving maritime interests.

3.05 In coordination with other MARAD offices, as appropriate, review proposed legislation, rules, and regulations affecting intermodal development to determine their impact.

3.06 Identify regional intermodal development requirements on a coordinated, cost-shared basis with state and local government agencies, other public authorities, and private interests.

3.07 Promote the development of advanced operating methods and technology for the receipt, handling, storage, and transfer of general, container and bulk cargo between water and land modes at marine terminals. Assist freight industry and other government organizations, both foreign and domestic, to reduce barriers to intermodal transportation through the adoption of safe and environmentally responsible national/international containerized and non-containerized standards.

3.08 Develop plans and participate with industry in pilot operations, tests, studies, and cooperative programs concerned with improving cargo movement techniques and productivity in intermodal transportation. Coordinate and cooperate with public/private entities in the development of automated management information systems in such areas as controlling intermodal containers at marine terminals and exchanging intermodal information among terminal operators, carriers, and shippers and consignees.

3.09 Develop analyses of intermodal transport, such as container traffic, facilities, services, equipment, and regulations, and maintain liaison with federal agencies, commercial interests and international organizations concerned with the coordination and development of intermodal transport systems, rendering information and technical advice.

3.10 Promote coordination among the various modes of transport through utilization of intermodal equipment, simplified documentation, and employment of advanced management techniques.

3.11 Identify, survey, evaluate, and develop solutions to specific problems of intermodal transport systems, including standardization, inventory control, utilization of equipment, and institutional practices.



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