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# OFFICE OF COUNTERNARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT MISSION AND FUNCTIONS

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## I. Purpose

The purpose of this Management Directive (MD) is to define the mission and functions of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement and to designate the Director, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, a direct report to the Office of the Secretary, as the principal coordinating official for all DHS counter drug policy matters.

## II. Scope

This MD applies to all DHS Organizational Components.

## III. Authorities

The following law governs this MD:

Section 878 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 458) as amended by the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-458).

## IV. Definitions

None.

## V. Responsibilities

**Director, Counternarcotics Enforcement (DCNE)** will:

- A. Assume primary responsibility for developing and coordinating counter drug policy within the Department and coordinating counter drug policy between DHS and other Federal departments and agencies, and between DHS and State, local, and tribal agencies.

- B. Serve as the principal advisor to the Secretary for ensuring the adequacy of counter drug resources within DHS.

## VI. Policy & Procedures

A. **Policy:**

1. The DCNE reviews and evaluates the counter drug activities of the Department and its components, including efforts in cooperating with other branches of the Federal Government, State and local, or tribal agencies.
2. The DCNE reviews the budget requests of all DHS components with existing or proposed counter drug activities or activities that affect the ability of the Department or its components to meet counter drug policy objectives.
3. The DCNE recommends to the Secretary the appropriate financial and personnel resources necessary to implement the Department's counter drug policy and to achieve performance targets within the Department's counter drug policy.
4. The DCNE integrates DHS efforts to track and sever connections between illegal drug trafficking and terrorism in cooperation and consultation with other Federal, State, local and tribal agencies.
5. The DCNE serves as a DHS representative on all task forces, committees, or other entities whose purpose is to coordinate the counter drug policy and activities of DHS and other Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies and international partners.
6. The DCNE ensures that all DHS components are provided an opportunity to participate, as appropriate, in all counter drug task forces, committees or other entities.
7. The DCNE reviews and provides comments on all reports that involve or have an impact on the counter drug policies or activities of the Department and Departmental components, including reports to Congress and other entities, including the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

NOTE: Any reports generated by the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement will follow legislative procedures as outlined in MD 420 and other Department guidance as appropriate.

8. The DCNE advises the Secretary on all policy and resource issues regarding the National Drug Control Strategy.

NOTE: Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize direct control of the operations conducted by any DHS component.

B. **Procedures:**

1. **Staffing:** The Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement shall be staffed as follows:

a. The DHS Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement will be staffed by permanent Federal employees.

b. Upon the request of the Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, a component of the Department shall designate a senior employee with significant counter drug responsibilities to act as a liaison between the Departmental component and the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement.

c. The Office will seek to obtain liaisons from the non-DHS Departments and agencies with significant counter drug interdiction and enforcement responsibilities to include the Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Defense, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of State, the Intelligence community and others as appropriate.

2. **Data:** Departmental components shall provide all data and information identified by the Director, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, as necessary to carry out the policy and resource responsibilities of the Office as identified in Section V of this Management Directive.

NOTE: Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede legal restrictions on the distribution or use of any data or other information.

## VII. Questions

Address any questions or concerns regarding this MD to the Chief of Staff, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement.