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From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: INTERIM GUIDANCE PERTAINING TO INDIVIDUALS DIAGNOSED AS
ALCOHOL DEPENDENT

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5510.35A, encl (1), para 5

1. Reference (a) is revised as follows: "Alcohol-Related Incident. Any substandard behavior or performance in which the consumption of alcohol by the individual is a contributing factor (as determined by the certifying official with consultation from the competent medical authority (CMA)) including: intoxicated driving, domestic disturbances, assault, disorderly conduct, personal injury, **failure or refusal of sobriety testing, voluntary consumption of alcohol by an individual previously diagnosed as alcohol dependent, under age drinking.**"

2. Individuals who voluntarily consume alcohol after being previously diagnosed as alcohol dependent will be temporarily decertified. The certifying official will conduct an evaluation of the individual's return to drinking to include a current medical evaluation. If the medical evaluation determines the individual is abusing alcohol or is alcohol dependent, the individual will be permanently decertified. If the medical evaluation concludes that the alcohol use is inconsequential or is not impacting the individual's trustworthiness and reliability, the command may submit a request to CNO (N09N2) to waive the permanent decertification requirement.

3. This guidance will be incorporated into the next revision of reference (a). In order to expedite dissemination of this guidance, please distribute this memorandum to your subordinate commands or refer your subordinate commands to our web site at www.navysecurity.navy.mil.

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