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Subj: POLICY FOR 72 HOUR CROSS COUNTRY RULE REQUIREMENT

Ref: (a) COMNAVAIRFORINST 4790.2A

1. Purpose. Per reference (a) this notice provides clarification of the policy for aircraft while on cross country.

2. Background. This notice is the result of numerous discussions within the CNAF and CNATRA Maintenance staffs to provide more clarity to the 72 hour cross country rule. The three driving considerations used to establish this policy are pilot safety, aircraft airworthiness, and maintenance directive compliance. Cross countries should not exceed 72 hours except as noted below. The Naval Aviation Maintenance Program reflects the following Cross Country Rules:

a. A Daily and turnaround inspection (D&TA) is considered valid for a period NOT TO EXCEED 72 HOURS.

b. Any maintenance (not servicing) performed on the aircraft while it is on a cross country invalidates the daily and turnaround inspection. Consequently, prior to the next flight, a daily and turnaround inspection must be performed.

3. Exception. Due to an unforeseen event, as long as the aircraft is on its way home to complete its mission prior to the expiration of the 72 hours of last D&TA, the Pilot in Command can request extra time (24 hours maximum) to complete the mission. ALL conditions listed below must be met.

a. Request and receive approval from the TRAWING Commodore.

b. Prior to approval, the TRAWING must consult with contract logistics support maintenance to ensure the aircraft can go an additional 24 hours without any required maintenance such as scheduled inspections, high time component changes, or any other maintenance actions.

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c. The Pilot in Command must conduct an applicable T/M/S NATOPS pilot inspection, ensuring servicing requirements are accomplished, and sign the Aircraft Inspection and Acceptance Record (OPNAV 4790/141) in the certification block. Accomplishing these requirements, rather than completing all daily, turnaround, and fuel sampling requirements, is sufficient for safe for flight certification.

d. Without exception the aircraft must have completed all above requirements. The mission home must be able to be completed within this additional 24 hour period.

4. Cancellation Contingency. This notice will remain in effect for one year or until a change in reference (a) is reflected.



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