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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: DCMA INST 8210.1C C1 RADIO OPERATOR INTERPRETATION

Reference DCMA HQ-AO discussion with Service waiver authorities, September 25, 2019, the following interpretation of DCMA INST 8210.1C C1, Dated April 5, 2017, is offered for clarification:

Paragraph 4.4.1.2. states: "Procedures shall address qualification and certification requirements for radio operators or tower controllers in accordance with FAA/FCC regulations when these services are provided by the contractor."

For the purpose of this instruction, the term 'radio operators' refers to those personnel that control aircraft, either on the ground or in the air. This includes airfield ground control operators, airfield tower operators, radar controllers, and those providing flight following services. The term 'radio operators' does not include personnel performing administrative tasks such as checking the aircraft out of the chocks or answering maintenance questions.

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