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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND  
SUSTAINMENT  
COMMANDER, U.S. TRANSPORTATION COMMAND  
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Audit of the Tracking, Recovery, and Reuse of Department of Defense–Owned Shipping Containers (Project No. D2021-D000RK-0118.000)

We plan to begin the subject audit in May 2021. The objective of this audit is to determine to what extent the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps complied with DoD requirements to: (1) track, recover, and reuse DoD-owned shipping containers, and (2) include those containers in an accountable property system of record. We may revise the objective as the audit proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives.

We will perform the audit at U.S. Transportation Command and the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Headquarters, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; and the offices responsible for shipping container management in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. We may identify additional locations during the audit where the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps maintain, load, and store shipping containers, including locations in geographic combatant command areas of operation.

Please provide us with a point of contact for the audit within **5 days** of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or the military equivalent. Send the contact’s name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address to [rgo@dodig.mil](mailto:rgo@dodig.mil).

You can obtain information about the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, “Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD),” April 20, 2012, as amended; DoD Instruction 7600.02, “Audit Policies,” October 16, 2014, as amended; and DoD Instruction 7050.03, “Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information,” March 22, 2013. Our website is [www.dodig.mil](http://www.dodig.mil).

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