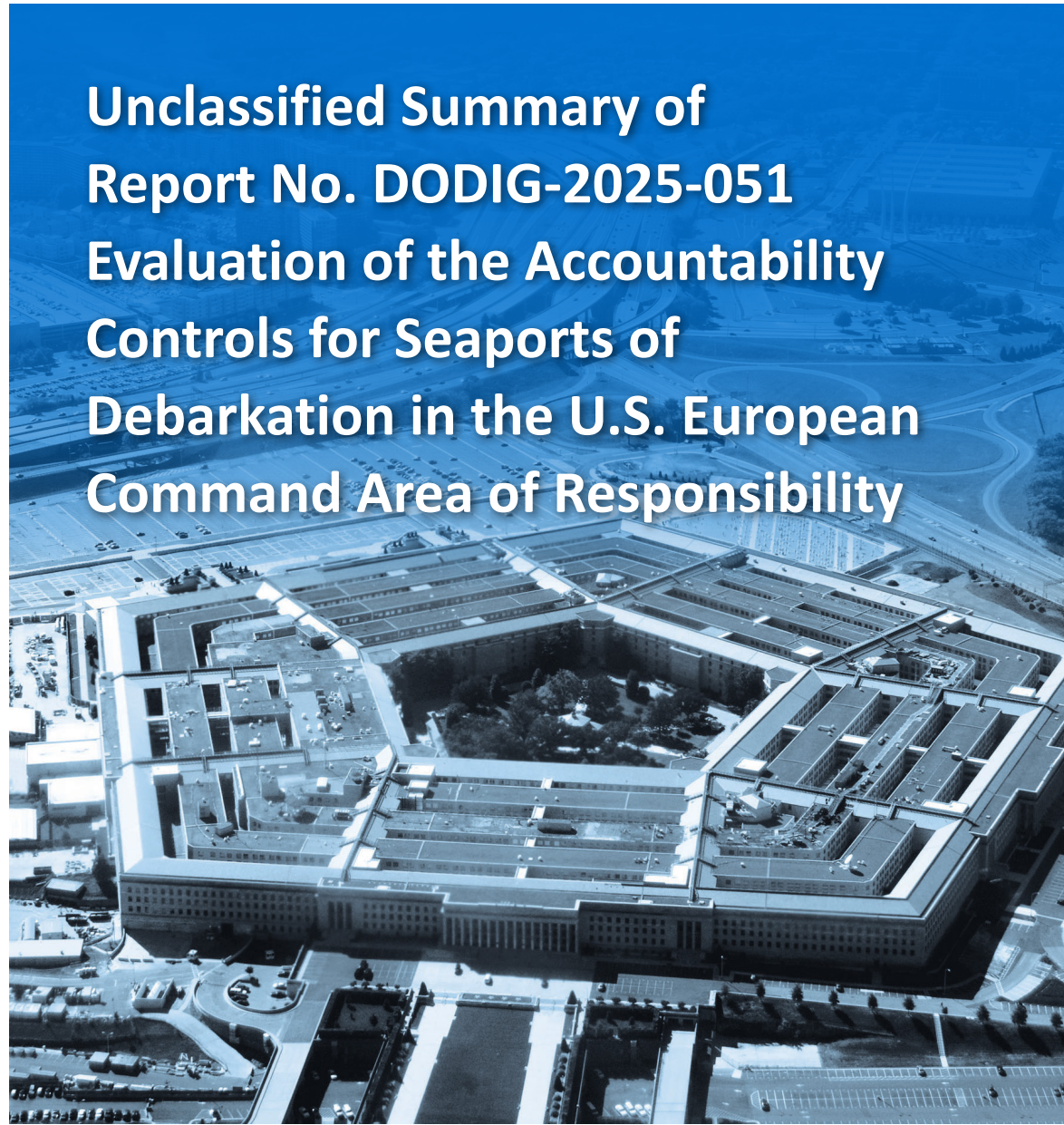




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Unclassified Summary of Report No. DODIG-2025-051 Evaluation of the Accountability Controls for Seaports of Debarkation in the U.S. European Command Area of Responsibility

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NOTE: A controlled unclassified information version of the Evaluation of Accountability Controls for Seaports of Debarkation in the U.S. European Command Area of Responsibility formed the basis for the public summary.

Objective

The objective of this evaluation was to determine whether the U.S. European Command (USEUCOM) is effectively scaling, staffing, and preparing contingency seaports for movement of ammunition provided to foreign partners through Presidential Drawdown Authority (PDA).

Background

Since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the United States dramatically increased the amount and types of weapon systems provided to Ukraine. Through July 2024, the United States provided approximately \$55 billion of military security assistance to Ukraine through PDA.

The DoD transports U.S. defense items by air or sea from ports of embarkation in the United States to aerial ports and seaports of debarkation in the USEUCOM AOR for onward movement to Ukraine. For example, within USEUCOM, materiel is delivered via rail, truck, or air to the Logistics Enabling Node-Romania, where Logistics Enabling Node-Romania personnel receive, stage, inspect, and transfer the items for delivery to Ukraine.

The 21st Theater Sustainment Command (TSC) conducts the onward movement of defense items from ports to Ukraine. The 21st TSC Theater Movement Center plans, coordinates, and executes movement control of defense items through the USEUCOM area of responsibility. Specifically, the 21st TSC uses the Movement Control Office (39th Transportation Battalion) to coordinate the onward movement of defense items through the USEUCOM area of responsibility from seaports of debarkation.

Scope and Methodology

To determine whether USEUCOM personnel were effectively scaling, staffing, and preparing contingency seaports for movement of ammunition provided to foreign partners through PDA, we conducted a site visit, interviewed officials from the 21st TSC and U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), and sent numerous requests for information. During our evaluation, 21st TSC and USTRANSCOM personnel diverted an incoming shipment because of a seaport emergency. We observed and reviewed the actions 21st TSC and USTRANSCOM personnel took to prepare the seaport to receive and facilitate onward movement to Ukraine.

Findings, Recommendations, Management Comments, and Our Response

Personnel from the 21st TSC were actively taking steps to validate additional seaports to use for delivering items in their area of responsibility but had not yet completed all of the necessary actions. In response to our draft report, the 21st TSC Commander agreed with our recommendation to address one area of concern and provided us with information that reflected how they intend to address it. Therefore, the recommendation is resolved but will remain open until we receive and review documentation of the corrective actions.



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