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INTRODUCTION OF THE IMPROVED FLAME RESISTANT VARIANT (IFRV) COVERALL MESSAGE. REF B IS
THE COMNAVSAFECEN AFLOAT SAFETY ADVISORY 3-18 IMPROVED FLAME RESISTANT VARIANT (IFRV)
COVERALL REQUIREMENTS AND WEAR GUIDANCE. REF C IS THE 2018 CONSOLIDATED AFLOAT
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757-836-3787 DSN 836/EMAIL: JENNIFER.BIBY@NAVY.MIL// GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. THIS IS A
COORDINATED U.S. FLEET FORCES COMMAND
(USFF) N41 AND U.S. PACIFIC FLEET (PACFLT) N4 MESSAGE ANNOUNCING THE CLOSEOUT OF THE FRV
COVERALL AND ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON THE MANNER OF WEAR FOR THE IMPROVED FLAME
RESISTANT VARIANT (IFRV) COVERALL.
2. BACKGROUND. USFF and PACFLT, PER REF (A), INTRODUCED THE IFRV COVERALL IN FEBRUARY 2018
AS APPROVED FLEET ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING TO REPLACE THE LEGACY FLAME RESISTANT VARIANT
(FRV) COVERALL. FLEET UNITS WERE DIRECTED TO CONTINUE TO ORDER FRV COVERALLS UNTIL
SUFFICIENTLY DEPLETED FROM DLA STOCK. FRV STOCK HAS REACHED MINIMAL LEVELS AND IS
DISCONTINUED FROM THE SUPPLY SYSTEM AS OF 30 JUNE 2018. ALL OUTSTANDING FRV REQUISITIONS
NOT IN A SHIPPING STATUS SHOULD BE CANCELLED AND REORDERED WITH THE CORRESPONDING IFRV
SIZE.
3. IFRV COVERALL. PER REF B, THE IFRV COVERALLS ARE HAZARD RISK CATEGORY 2 COMPLIANT.
HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENT FOR

12CAL/CM2 HEAT DISSIPATION FACTOR AS OUTLINED IN NAVAL SHIPS' TECHNICAL MANUAL (NSTM) 300. COMMANDS SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROCURE THE CURRENT 12 CAL/CM2 ARC FLASH COVERALLS DESCRIBED IN NSTM 300 TABLE 300-I-2 FOR SAILORS EXPOSED TO ELECTRICAL OR ENGINEERING ENVIRONMENTS AS THE IFRV COVERALLS DO NOT FULLFILL THIS REQUIREMENT.

REF B PROVIDES ADDITONAL GUIDANCE ON APPROVED FLAME RESISTANT PROTECTION IN ENVIRONMENTS WHERE NSTM 300 STANDARDS ARE REQUIRED.

4. MANNER OF WEAR. THE NAME AND RANK CONFIGURATION OF THE FRV COVERALL WILL CONSIST OF A VELCRO BACKED NAME TAG AND SEWN OR METAL COLLAR DEVICES. SEWN OR PINNED RANK TABS AND INSIGNIA ARE AUTHORIZED BASED ON WEARER'S DUTIES AND UNIT PREFERENCE. TO BUILD UNIT ESPIRIT DE CORPS, EACH UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER HAS THE DISCRETION TO AUTHORIZE THE WEAR OF THE EMBOSSED LEATHER NAME TAG (SAME AS WORN ON THE V-NECK SWEATER) OR DEVELOP A FABRIC EMBROIDERED UNIT SPECIFIC NAME TAG SIMILAR TO THOSE WORN ON GREEN NOMEX FLIGHT JACKETS. NAME TAGS WILL BE VELCRO BACKED, BE WORN 1/4" CENTERED ABOVE THE LEFT BREAST POCKET, SIMILAR IN SIZE, AND SHAPE TO THE V-NECK SWEATER NAME TAG. THE IFRV COVERALL WILL BE WORN WITH A BLACK COTTON WEB BELT FOR E1-E6 PERSONNEL AND A KHAKI COTTON WEB BELT FOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS AND OFFICERS. RIGGERS BELTS ARE AUTHORIZED AT COMMAND DISCRETION. BOTH BLUE AND BROWN BALL CAPS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE IFRV. BLUE OR BROWN UNDERSHIRTS ARE AUTHORIZED UNTIL THE BLUE UNDERSHIRT IS PHASED OUT OF THE SEA BAG WITH THE NWU-I. AUTHORIZED FOOTWEAR INCLUDES 8 OR 9" SMOOTH LEATHER BLACK OR BROWN SAFETY BOOTS. ROUGH OUT BOOTS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE IFRV COVERALL DUE TO THE NATURE OF WORK IN AFLOAT ENVIRONMENTS. WEAR OF ORGANIZATIONAL OR SEABAG ISSUED OUTER WEAR IS AUTHORIZED AT COMMAND DISCRETION. UNIT PATCHES OR THE U.S. FLAG WILL NOT BE ATTACHED TO THE IFRV AS THESE POTENTIALLY DEGRADE THE COVERALL'S FIRE RETARDANT PROPERTIES. IN ADDITION, SHIPS SHOULD NOT STENCIL OR SERIALIZE ANY PART OF THE COVERALLS OUTER FABRIC BUT MAY REQUIRE STENCILING OF SAILORS' NAMES IN THE INNER PART OF THE COVERALL FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

5. OCCASION FOR WEAR. THE IFRV COVERALL OCCASION FOR WEAR SHALL REMAIN LIMITED TO AN UNDERWAY UNIFORM (I.E. FROM STATIONING AND SECURING THE SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL/MANEUVERING WATCH WHEN LEAVING AND ENTERING PORT RESPECTIVELY). COMMANDING OFFICERS CAN AUTHORIZE THE WEAR OF IFRV COVERALLS ASHORE OR IN-PORT WHEN SAILORS ARE EXPECTED TO OPERATE IN ENVIRONMENTS THAT PLACE AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF WEAR ON WORKING UNIFORMS OR EXPOSE SAILORS TO CONDITIONS NECESSATING FR/ARC-FLASH PROTECTION. THE IFRV COVERALL MAY BE WORN IN THE SAME LOCATIONS AS THE FRV COVERALL AS PRESCRIBED BY THE COGNIZANT BASE COMMANDER. THIS POLICY DOES NOT ALLEVIATE THE COMMAND'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROCURE COVERALLS FOR WORK IN AREAS THAT ARE LIKELY TO PERMANENTLY SOIL OR PREMATURELY DESTROY THE UNIFORM. THE POLY/COTTON UTILITY COVERALLS ARE THE DESIGNATED DIRTY WORK UNIFORM AND SHOULD BE WORN AS PRESCRIBED BY NAVY UNIFORM REGULATIONS.

6. ISSUE AND SUSTAINMENT. EACH SAILOR SERVING ABOARD SURFACE SHIPS AND SUBMARINES WILL BE ISSUED A MINIMUM OF TWO IFRVS VIA PHASED REPLACEMENT. ISSUING OF THREE IFRVS IS ENCOURAGED DURING THE TRAINING PHASE AND DEPLOYMENT. AS WITH ALL ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING, IFRV COVERALLS WILL BE REPLACED BY THE COMMAND WHEN NO LONGER SERVICEABLE. THE IFRV HAS AN ESTIMATED SERVICE LIFE OF 9 MONTHS, WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDS THE SERVICE LIFE OF COVERALLS COMPARED TO THE SERVICE LIFE OF THE FRV AT 6 MONTHS. UNITS SHOULD MAINTAIN ADEQUATE STOCKING LEVELS TO SUPPORT REPLACEMENT AS REQUIRED. PHASED REPLACEMENT OF THE IFRV WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE TYCOM.

7. THE FRV HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR PROCUREMENT/REQUISITIONING. THE FOLLOWING STOCK NUMBERS ARE ASSIGNED TO THE IFRV AND ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN REF C (READ IN TWO COLUMNS; NSN/SIZE) 8415-01-661-2047/34XS 8415-01-661-2064/34S 8415-01-661-2065/34R 8415-01-661-2071/36XS 8415-01-661-2076/36S 8415-01-661-2078/36R 8415-01-661-2082/36L 8415-01-661-2273/38XS 8415-01-661-2277/38S 8415-01-661-2279/38R 8415-01-661-2287/38L 8415-01-661-2293/38XL 8415-01-661-2314/40XS 8415-01-661-2325/40S 8415-01-661-2327/40R 8415-01-661-2337/40L 8415-01-661-2338/40XL 8415-01-661-2349/40XXL 8415-01-661-2363/40XXXL 8415-01-661-2370/42XS 8415-01-661-2375/42S 8415-01-661-2464/42R 8415-01-661-2472/42L 8415-01-661-2478/42XL 8415-01-661-2674/42XXL 8415-01-661-2676/44S 8415-01-661-2680/44R 8415-01-661-2683/44L 8415-01-661-2711/44XL 8415-01-661-2718/44XXL 8415-01-661-2733/46S 8415-01-661-2736/46R 8415-01-661-2741/46L 8415-01-661-2758/46XL 8415-01-661-2793/46XXL 8415-01-661-2798/48R 8415-01-661-2812/48L 8415-01-661-2826/48XL 8415-01-661-2828/48XXL 8415-01-661-2833/50R 8415-01-661-2839/50L 8415-01-661-2844/50XL 8415-01-661-2849/50XXL 8415-01-661-2887/52R 8415-01-661-2890/52L 8415-01-661-2894/52XL 8415-01-661-2895/52XXL 8415-01-661-2897/54L 8415-01-661-2899/54XL 8415-01-661-2903/54XXL 8415-01-661-2904/56R 8. MARITIME TWO-PIECE FR VARIANT DEVELOPMENT. A TWO-PIECE FLAME RESISTANCE (FR) VARIANT THAT CAN BE WORN AT SEA AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT COMMANDS ASHORE (TO INCLUDE OFF-BASE) IS CURRENTLY IN THE WEAR TEST PHASE. USFF IS TEAMING WITH NAVY CLOTHING AND TEXTILE RESEARCH FACILITY TO FAST TRACK DEVELOPMENT OF FINAL DESIGNS OF A MORE PROFESSIONAL LOOKING, MODERNIZED TWO-PIECE FR VARIANT UPON CONCLUSION OF THE WEAR TEST IN LATE SEPTEMBER 2018. THE INTENT IS TO PROVIDE LAYERING OPTIONS TO ALLOW FOR DE-BLOUSING FOR CERTAIN EVOLUTIONS (I.E., WORKING PARTIES) OR REMOVAL OF OUTER GARMENTS IN WARMER ENVIRONMENTS. UNDER LAYERS INCLUDE FLAME RESISTANT, DRIFIRE MOISTURE WICKING SHIRTS. THE TWO-PIECE VERSION IS INTENDED TO BE SUFFICIENTLY VERSATILE TO APPEAL TO ALL AFLOAT COMMUNITIES. TO ENSURE SAILOR FEEDBACK IS INCORPORATED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, THESE CONCEPTS AND ASSOCIATED DESIGN FEATURES WILL BE REVIEWED BY FOCUS GROUPS AND PARTICIPANT SURVEYS IN FLEET CONCENTRATION AREAS LATER THIS YEAR. SAILORS WHO ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE WEAR TEST CAN ALSO PROVIDE FEEDBACK VIA THE USFFC SURVEY LOCATED AT [HTTPS://LOGIN.MILSUITE.MIL/?GOTO=HTTPS%3A%2F%2FWWW.MILSUITE.MIL%3A443%2FSURVEY%2FINDEX.PHP%2F932741](https://login.milsuite.mil/?GOTO=HTTPS%3A%2F%2FWWW.MILSUITE.MIL%3A443%2FSURVEY%2FINDEX.PHP%2F932741). ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE TWO PIECE VARIANT DEVELOPMENT EFFORT WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN AVAILABLE.// BT

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