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1. References:

    a. Department of the Army Strategy for the Implementation of the Risk Management Framework (RMF) for Department of Defense Information Technology (IT), 12 February 2015.

    b. Information Paper, Department of Defense (DoD) Chief Information Officer, 19 September 2014, subject: Revised Timeline for Transition from DoD Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process to the Risk Management Framework.

2. The Army's RMF implementation strategy directed completion of the transition from DIACAP to RMF no later than May 2015. DIACAP activities were authorized to continue if the validation, the evaluation risk recommendation and the scorecard were completed no later than 29 May 2015. However, DAA authorization had to be signed prior to 15 October 2015 with an Accreditation Termination Date (ATD) no later than the timelines captured in the DoD information paper that identifies revised ATDs.

3. Army lessons learned from capabilities moving to RMF resulted in a review of the transition date and the ATD expiration requirements. Funding associated with additional validations during a specific fiscal year and implementation of the additional RMF controls had not been sufficiently budgeted for in the Program Objective Memorandum cycle to meet the transition date of May 2015, or to perform reaccreditation in less than three years.

4. Effective immediately, all new requests for capability authorization and those capabilities with expired DIACAP authorizations will obtain their approvals for operation through the RMF process. DIACAP certification and accreditation packages will not be processed after 31 March 2016.

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5. DIACAP Authority to Operate authorizations will not exceed three years, and will expire no later than the end of FY18. Existing interim authorities to operate (IATO) that do not require re-validation may continue DIACAP into calendar year 2016; however, DIACAP IATOs may be authorized for no longer than six months, with one six-month extension if necessary.

6. Requests for an exception from the requirement to move to RMF by 1 April 2016, with justification, must be submitted through the Army Security Control Assessor to the Cybersecurity Directorate for adjudication.

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