

Timeline: Four-Step Process and Issuing ADS Material (Directives)

STEP 1: Pre-clearance <i>(drafting new and revising existing material)</i>	
Author	<i>Optional:</i> Send e-mail to DW list (M.AS.IRD DW-LIST) informing of directive's subject matter and requesting input.
Author	Coordinate with appropriate offices and staff.
Author	Send new or revised material to M/AS/IRD Directives Shop for review.
Editor/Directives Coordinator	Review material for plain language, content, grammar, and format. Highlight all suggested changes and queries. Return mark-up to author.
Author	Incorporate grammar, format, and plain language edits. Make appropriate modifications to text to resolve queries. Remove highlights, delete words in strikethrough. <i>Optional:</i> Return material to M/AS/IRD Directives Shop for follow-up review.
STEP 2: Clearance	
Author	E-mail request for ADS clearance to clearing officials. Attach directive; summarize new/revised material in e-mail. Allow 10 full business days for response (15 days if large volume of material) starting the day after you send the e-mail. Follow up with non-responders after three days.
Author	Save and print "read receipts" for the official record.
Clearing Official	Review directive; provide comments to substantive issues. Deliver response to author within the clearance deadline.
Editor	Review clearance draft for plain language, content, grammar, and format. Return any mark-ups to author.
Author	Make appropriate changes based on clearance comments and editor mark-ups. Resolve any differences with clearing offices.
Author	If substantive changes are made, re-circulate for ADS clearance. Allow five full business days for response.
STEP 3: Final	
Author	Send clean copy to Directives Shop for final review. Provide electronic copy or URL for all reference documents.
Editor	Review for content, format, grammar. Return to author with corrections, any final suggestions.
Author	Make appropriate changes. Send final back to Directives Shop.
Editor	Prepare directive for publication. Add Revision date, Effective dates. Prepare reference documents. Send final version to author.
Author	Complete AID Form 3-252. Attach all clearance documentation, final cleared material, and description of additions/deletions. Send hardcopy to M/AS/IRD for approval.
M/AS/IRD	Approve AID 3-252. Forward to Directives Shop.
Editor	Check AID 3-252 and required clearance documentation.
STEP 4: Issuing Policy Notice <i>(see p. 2 for more information on Step 4)</i>	
Author	Create Policy Notice announcing release of directive. Send to Bureau/Office Authorized Notice Sender to forward to Notice Mailbox.
Notice Mailbox & Editor	Check Policy Notice. Attach final version of directive. Release Policy Notice with nightly Notices.
M/AS/IRD & LPA	Post directive and references to the ADS web site within 6-11 business days of Notice issuance <i>(see p. 2)</i> .
	<i>NOTE: If the changes are purely editorial, the author has the option of not issuing a Policy Notice. In this case, the revised directive will not be posted to the web until the next ADS CD issuance.</i>

Timeline: Linking and Issuing ADS Material

If the ADS material is...	...then it will be issued as an attachment to a Policy Notice	...and posted to the ADS web site
A cleared chapter or reference	<p>After</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Authorized Sender sends the Policy Notice to Notice Mailbox; • The ADS Author delivers a completed AID Form 3-252 to Mrs. Staples, M/AS/IRD, for signature; and • The Editor prepares the final version; <p>Then, the material is hyperlinked and released as a Policy Notice and posted to the ADS web site within 6 to 11 business days.</p>	Simultaneously with the release of the Policy Notice.
A cleared chapter or reference that the author needs to be issued ASAP because it is time sensitive or critical ¹	<p>After</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Authorized Sender sends the Policy Notice to Notice Mailbox; • The ADS Author delivers a completed AID Form 3-252 to Mrs. Staples, M/AS/IRD, for signature; and • The Editor prepares the final version; <p>Then, the Policy Notice with attachments will be issued with no live hyperlinks².</p> <p>After its release as a Policy Notice, the ADS Directives Shop will then insert live hyperlinks and re-post it to the intranet Notice database and post it to the ADS web site. Contact the ADS Directives Shop for the posting timeframe, as this will vary depending on the length of the material.</p>	Contact the ADS Directives Shop for the posting timeframe.
An already posted chapter that contains broken or incorrect hyperlinks	N/A	Within 6 to 11 business days.

These specific timeframes must be allotted because of the preparation and posting work required by the ADS Directives Shop and LPA. ADS Authors and Authorized Notice Senders, please build these 6 to 11 days into your timeframe. When possible, both the ADS Directives Shop and the LPA Internet shop post ADS material within a few days.

¹ For example, to meet a GAO audit, OMB, Executive Order, or Administrator's deadline.

² Please note that although any cleared ADS material can be issued immediately as a Policy Notice, this is not normal operating procedure because some of the material will not yet contain live hyperlinks and therefore it will not be a fully user-friendly product for the customer.