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MEMORANDUM FOR All Units and Organizations within the USAG Bavaria Footprint

SUBJECT: USAG Bavaria Policy Memorandum # 17, Small Arms Storage

1. References:

a. DA PAM 385-64, Ammunition and Explosive Safety Standards

- b. AE REG 385-64, Explosive Safety
- c. IMCOM REG 385-10, Safety Program

2. This policy is consistent with Army Policy intended to minimize unnecessary exposure to personnel and property. Storage of all Hazard Class/Division (HD) 1.2.2, 1.3 and 1.4 Ammunition and Explosives (AE) is preferred in Ammunition Holding Area (AHA) or Ammunition Support Activity (ASA) points unless such use would adversely impact operations or result in an unnecessary commitment of resources (for example, require unit personnel to provide 24-hour security or extended travel). In these instances, an Arms Room license is appropriate. Convenience is not considered a valid justification for storage. The Enclosure to this Policy Memorandum outlines Small Arms Storage.

3. POC is the USAG Bavaria Safety Director at DSN 526-2303.

Encl

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1. IAW referenced standards, the following policy applies to all Arms Room Licenses issued through the USAG Bavaria Safety Office. This policy is consistent with Army Policy intended to minimize unnecessary exposure to personnel and property. Storage of all Hazard Class/Division (HD) 1.2.2, 1.3 and 1.4 Ammunition and Explosives (AE) is preferred in Ammunition Holding Area (AHA) or Ammunition Support Activity (ASA) points unless such use would adversely impact operations or result in an unnecessary commitment of resources (for example, require unit personnel to provide 24-hour security or extended travel). In these instances, an Arms Room license is appropriate. Convenience is not considered a valid justification for storage.

2. Unit Commanders are responsible for the proper storage and upkeep of their respective Arms Rooms. Unit Commanders are also responsible for ensuring arms room personnel are trained IAW DA PAM 385-64 Figure 1-1. Before storing AE items in an Arms Room, unit commanders will submit a risk assessment provided by the Garrison Safety Office (GSO) that certifies the storage is based on operational necessity and safety considerations IAW AER 385-64, Appendix C. It is impermissible to keep any Hazard Division (HD) AE greater than 1.4 without prior coordination and authorization from my office. Limited quantiteies of HD 1.3 and HD 1.2.2 may be stored IAW DA PAM 385-64, para 8 but must have higher level approval. IAW DA PAM 385-64, para 5-2a(2), Arms Rooms that contain only HD 1.4, I authorize the USAG Bavaria Safety Director to review all risk assessments and to approve arms room licenses and temporary storage of 1.4 items as listed below.

3. Ammunition stored in unit arms rooms will be classified as operational or training ammunition and spatially segregated IAW DA PAM 385-64, para 8-3f. Training ammunition may be kept no longer than 4 workdays plus a number of training days, for units located less than 3 hours from the AHA/ASA, IAW AER 385-64, para 7.d.

a. Operational readiness ammunition involves ammunition for wartime, contingency, or peacetime operations in which consequences of the ammunition storage justify the risk of loss of personnel, equipment and resources. The qualifier "operational necessity" is intended to provide commanders the flexibility to ensure a mission without wasted resources.

b. Training ammunition is limited quantities of ammunition stored temporarily in a unit's arms room to facilitate personnel training on ranges or in the field where receiving and returning ammunition from and to an AHA or supply point would delay the unit's training adversely. Units conducting weapons qualification during inactive duty training (IDT) may, when required, store limited quantities of HD 1.4 munitions inside an arms room for a limited period.

c. The term "limited quantities" is defined as the minimum amount of ammunition required to support operational missions (i.e., security guard forces, military police) or the immediate training requirements of the unit.

4. The Garrison Safety Office and Fire Department will be notified when an arms room is vacated of AE for indefinite periods, and when its use for storage of AE is initiated, resumed, or canceled. This includes temporary storage of AE items above what the arms room is licensed for and for temporary storage of AE not listed on the license. Contact the GSO at the following email group for the inspection checklist and arms rooms license package: USARMY Bavaria ID-Europe List Safety, <u>usarmy.bavaria.id-europe.list.safety@army.mil</u>.