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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. In accordance with referenced standards, this policy applies to all Arms Room Licenses issued by the USAG Bavaria Safety Office. To minimize unnecessary risk to personnel and property, you must store all Hazard Class/Division (HD) 1.2.2, 1.3, and 1.4 Ammunition and Explosives (AE) in an Ammunition Holding Area (AHA) or Ammunition Support Activity (ASA).An Arms Room license is appropriate only when using an AHA or ASA would negatively impact operations or require an unnecessary commitment of resources, such as 24-hour security or extended travel. Convenience is not a valid justification for an Arms Room license.

3. Unit Commanders are responsible for the proper storage and upkeep of their Arms Rooms and for ensuring that arms room personnel receive training in accordance with DA PAM 385-64, Figure 1-1. Before storing Ammunition and Explosives (AE) in an Arms Room, unit commanders must submit a risk assessment from the Garrison Safety Office (GSO) that certifies storage based on operational necessity and safety considerations, as per AER 385-64, Appendix C. You may not keep any Hazard Division (HD) AE greater than 1.4 without prior coordination and authorization from my office. Although limited quantities of HD 1.3 and HD 1.2.2 may be stored as per DA PAM 385-64, paragraph 8, this requires higher-level approval. For Arms Rooms containing only HD 1.4, I authorize the USAG Bavaria Safety Director to review all risk assessments and approve arms room licenses and temporary storage of 1.4 items as listed below.

4. Ammunition stored in unit arms rooms will be classified as either operational ammunition or training ammunition and spacially segregated IAW DA PAM 385-64, para 8-3f. Training ammunition may be kept no longer than 4 workdays plus 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 mission without a waste of resources.

b. Training ammunition is defined as 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 that are 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 of time.

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.

5. 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 cancelled. This includes temporary storage of AE items above what the arms room is licensed for and for temorary storage of AE not listed on the license. Contact the GSO at the following email group for inspection checklist and arms rooms license package: USARMY Bavaria ID-Europe List Safety, usarmy.bavaria.id-europe.list.safety@army.mil.

6. POC for this policy is the USAG Bavaria Safety Director at DSN: 526-2303.

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