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**1. References.**

- a. DoDI 8510.01 (Risk Management Framework for DoD Information Technology).
- b. AR 95-1 (Flight Regulations).
- c. AR 95-2 (Air Traffic Control, Airfield/Heliport, and Airspace Operations).
- d. AR 95-11 (Military Flight Plan and Flight Movement Data Communications).
- e. AR 95-20 (Contractor's Flight and Ground Operations).
- f. Memorandum, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 16 Nov 18, subject: Commercial Off-The-Shelf Unmanned Aircraft Systems Implementation Guidance.
- g. ALARACT 039/2020 (Consolidated DOD-Army COTS UAS Cyber Security Waiver Business Rules), 05 May 2020.

**2. Purpose.** To provide guidance on the use of Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) on Fort Detrick and its assigned airspace.

**3. Applicability.** This policy applies to all personnel on Fort Detrick.

**4. Policy.** This policy prohibits the operation of COTS UAS on Fort Detrick for official and non-official use. This policy also extends to COTS UAS used for recreational (hobby or personal use) purposes on Army Installations and contractor-owned COTS UAS operated by or in support of government operations or testing. COTS UAS systems are defined as:

- a. All UAS systems that are sold in substantial quantity in the marketplace and are offered to the Government in the same form in which it is sold to non-government consumers. The UAS systems are commercially available to the public including domestic and foreign manufacturers.

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b. All UAS that in original form were commercially available, but have been modified with different hardware, software, or payloads.

c. All UAS ground command and control elements to include smart phone or tablet with associated software and hardware.

d. Exempt systems are defined as UAS systems that are a formal "Program of Record" managed by an Army Program Executive Officer, have an authority to operate complying with reference 1.a., and have a completed cyber vulnerability assessment for the system.

#### 5. Procedures.

a. Waivers to this policy must be approved by Department of the Army. The first General Officer or Senior Executive Service Civilian in the requestor's chain of command will endorse waiver requests in writing. The Army authorizing officials are co-defined as the Army Acquisition Executive and Army Chief Information Officer (G-6). The Army on a case-by-case basis for the following six activities will consider submissions.

(1) Critical operations with no alternative solution.

(2) Counter-UAS surrogate testing/training.

(3) Intelligence and information warfare testing, analysis, and training.

(4) Analysis and training.

(5) Research and development.

(6) Demonstrations for COTS UAS.

b. The COTS UAS business rules for submitting waivers are outlined in reference 1.g. Submit all waiver requests via the secure internet protocol router network and include a Senior Commander memorandum or letter endorsing the waiver for use on the installation.

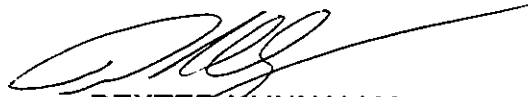
c. Unauthorized use of UAS from within Fort Detrick may result in the loss of installation access privileges; forfeiture of any unauthorized recordings, photographs, or videos; adverse personnel action; and possible criminal prosecution under Federal and

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State law, as appropriate. Incidents involving UAS flights controlled from outside Fort Detrick will be referred to local law enforcement.

6. The proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Operations at 301-619-8870.



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