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MEMORANDUM FOR All Soldiers, Department of the Army (DA) Civilians, Department of Defense (DoD) Contractors, Family Members, and Visitors within U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI) Installations

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum USAG-HI 34, Restrictions on Use of Commercially Purchased Unmanned Aerial Systems

1. References:

- a. HQ IMCOM Information Paper, Counter-Unmanned Aerial System Policies for Garrison Commanders within the United States, 26 Sep 18.
- b. HQDA EXORD 193-18, Army Purchase, Use and Accountability of Commercial off the Shelf Unmanned Aircraft Systems, 20 Jun 18.
- c. Memorandum, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Delegation of Authority to Approve Exemptions for Using Commercial Off-The-Shelf Unmanned Aerial Systems in Support of Urgent Needs, 1 Jun 18.
- d. Memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities, 23 May 18.
- e. DoD Directive 5205.02E, DOD Operations Security Program, 20 Aug 20.
- f. Joint Publication 3-13.3, Operations Security, 6 Jan 16.
- g. DoD Instruction 2000.16, Volume 1, DoD Antiterrorism Standards, 7 May 21.

2. This policy applies to all Soldiers, DoD Civilian employees, contractors, technical representatives, dependents, sponsored visitors, and other employees or visitors on USAG-HI installations.

3. For public safety and operational security reasons, the outdoor use of private or commercially purchased Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), whether or not these are equipped with cameras, are prohibited on all USAG-HI installations. This paragraph is a punitive order. Violations may result in adverse administrative or disciplinary action.

4. This restriction does not apply to DoD Modification Table of Organization and Equipment (MTOE) UAS operations. All Commercially purchased UAS for military operations require a waiver in accordance with reference 1.b.

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5. Aircraft of any size without a pilot on board are considered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to be a UAS, to include model aircraft (e.g., airplanes, helicopters, etc.), quadcopters and drones (hobbyist). These activities threaten operational security and could endanger the safety of military aircraft. Personnel who observe private or commercial UAS activity on or near USAG-HI installations should immediately contact installation law enforcement and, if able, keep the UAS under observation until the authorities arrive.

6. The following defines the types of UAS aircraft restricted under this policy.

a. Model Aircraft or Quadcopters – A Radio Controlled (RC) model aircraft capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere and operated with or without cameras for purely recreational or hobby purposes and within the line of sight of the operator. These UAS aircraft are limited to 55 pounds or less and must be registered with the FAA.

b. Drones – This is a generic term used for UAS aircraft. Generally, these items are self-powered flying objects, not including model rockets, operated for recreational, hobby, or commercial purposes. Currently, a drone operated for commercial purposes is subject to more stringent authorization requirements enforced by the FAA. Regardless of their purpose, all drones must be registered with the FAA.

7. This policy supersedes Policy Memorandum USAG-HI-34, SAB, dated 11 Dec 20 and remains in effect until rescinded or superseded in writing.

8. Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Airfield Division Chief, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) at (808) 656-2656.

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