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MEMORANDUM FOR All Personnel Working and Living within the United States Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz (USAG RP) Footprint

SUBJECT: Snow and Ice Removal on Walkways Standing Operating Procedure (SOP)

1. Reference AR 420-1, Army Facilities Management, 12 Feb 08, with RAR 002, 24 Aug 12.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this SOP is to define snow and ice removal responsibilities within United States Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz (USAG RP) to prevent a safety hazard affecting the public.

3. Scope. This SOP applies to all personnel working and living in the USAG RP area of responsibility.

4. Definition. Snow and ice includes, but is not limited to, any fall of snow, sleet, or ice or any combination thereof and any ice caused by the freezing of rain or melted snow or ice.

5. Procedure.

a. Snow and ice will be removed from public sidewalks in front of buildings and from trails, entranceways, and steps into all facilities that are adjacent to and abutting the garrison street system. This will be done by occupants of those buildings or facilities between 0700 hours and 2000 hours on workdays. On weekends, snow removal will be limited to occupied buildings and starts at 0900 hours.

b. Snow and ice removal will be started within 30 minutes after snowfall has stopped, or snow has reached an accumulation of 5 cm (2 inches), or ice has formed on the paved surface. In extreme weather, the cleaning procedure must be repeated as often as necessary to maintain safe walkways. The general rule is: first sweep off the snow, then throw de-icing or abrasive material, such as salt, sand, or gravel.

c. Snow removal will not affect traffic, vehicular and pedestrian, nor will it obstruct the road curb drain system. Snow and ice removal will be done to the extent that two people can pass while abreast. Appropriate abrasive material will be spread over the entire surface of irremovable snow or ice that remains on the sidewalk, reasonably necessary to keep the sidewalk in a safe condition for public travel.

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d. Tools and de-icing or abrasive material are available from the self-help issue points (building #335 on ROB in Kaiserslautern and building #8665 in Baumholder).

e. It is recommended that Facility Managers arrange for adequate labor in their respective buildings to ensure the task is completed to standard.

6. Point of contact for this SOP is the USAG RP DPW Operations and Maintenance Division Chief, Heinz-Werner Rudolf, at DSN 541-4793.



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