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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders of United States Army Garrisons in Europe

SUBJECT: IMCOM-Europe Air-Conditioning Policy

1. Supersession. This memorandum supersedes memorandum, IMCOM-Europe, IMEU-PWD, 20 March 2015, subject as above.

2. References:

a. Executive Order (EO) 13423, 24 January 2007, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management.

b. Army Regulation 420-1, Army Facilities Management.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all permanent-party and transient-party occupying facilities on or within IMCOM-Europe managed installations in Europe.

4. Background.

a. **Federal Goals.** EO 13423 (ref 2a) mandates that all Federal agencies reduce energy intensity by 3 percent every year. For IMCOM-Europe to meet this requirement, we must increase our efforts to reduce energy consumption. To achieve this, we need the help of every Soldier, Civilian employee, and Family member we support, as well as all DOD and non-DOD organizations and tenant agencies that depend on our garrisons for service.

b. **Climate Trends.** Based on historical ambient weather data, air-conditioning is generally not considered appropriate for climate condition for U.S. installations in Europe, except for Italy.

5. IMCOM-Europe Policy. The air-conditioning of all space that is not currently air-conditioned and the continuation of air-conditioning for currently air-conditioned spaces that require major repairs are authorized only if I approve the request. Areas currently air-conditioned also require reapproval when the space is assigned to a different organization or when the air-conditioning unit serving the space requires replacement. This policy applies to all IMCOM-Europe locations except for those in Italy. In Italy, the Commander, USAG Italy, may approve requests for air-conditioning.

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a. All requests to air-condition space that is not currently air-conditioned will be sent by the occupying agency in writing through the garrison directorate of public works (DPW) and the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff (ACoS), G4, IMCOM-Europe, for validation and then to the Director, IMCOM-Europe, for decision. If the request is approved, the DPW will ensure that the new air-conditioning unit meets energy consumption criteria by installing a European Union Energy Label designation of "A" or better (comparable to and meets the same intent of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ENERGY STAR label and rating).

b. In addition, if air-conditioning is approved, the garrison DPW will ensure sustainability by installing a comparable amount of renewable electrical-generating capability to the garrison electrical utility system. Offsetting the added electrical load will enhance mission capabilities and energy security.

c. The operation of portable (supplemental) heating and cooling devices and garrison DPW support for installation of such devices is prohibited when the intent is to circumvent this policy. Such devices can be approved in situations where supplemental heating and cooling result in cost-effective energy reductions or are in the best interest of the agency. All requests for supplemental heating and cooling systems will include a justification and must be sent to the Director, IMCOM-Europe, for decision.

6. POC. The POC is Mr. Muench; Chief, Energy, Utilities, and Environmental Branch, ACoS, G4, IMCOM-Europe; military 314-544-4300; civilian 0049-(0)611-143-544-4300; or e-mail: *simon.m.muench.civ@mail.mil*.



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