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AMPN/USCENTCOM POLICY AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION AND CONTRACT SECURITY SERVICE ARMING OF DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTORS FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

REF/B/DOD/OGC MEMORANDUM/10 JAN 06//

AMPN/REQUEST TO CONTRACT FOR PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES IN IRAQ//

REF/C/CCJA MEMORANDUM/12 JAN 06//

AMPN/ USE OF PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES (PSC) IN IRAQ-ADDITIONAL LEGAL GUIDANCE

RMKS/1. THIS MESSAGE MODIFIES USCENTCOM POLICY (REF A) RELATING TO USE OF PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES IN IRAQ AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SENIOR US FORCES COMMANDER DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO USCENTCOM IN AFGHANISTAN DUE TO PENDING DISESTABLISHMENT OF CFC-A. THE CHANGES DOCUMENTED BELOW ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL BE INCORPORATED IN AN UPCOMING REVISION TO REF A.

2. DEFINITIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

2.A. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE, THE TERM DOD CONTRACTOR MEANS ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES, INCLUDING SUB-CONTRACTORS, WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT WITH ANY DOD ENTITY OR TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND PRESENT IN IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN PURSUANT TO SUCH CONTRACT.

2.B. PERSONAL PROTECTION ARMING. DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES IN IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN MAY REQUEST PERSONAL PROTECTION ARMING ONLY AS PROVIDED HEREIN. ALL REQUESTS SHALL BE VOLUNTARY AND CONTAIN THE INFORMATION WITHIN PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW, AS WELL AS THE ENDORSEMENT OF / COORDINATION WITH THE SUPPORTED DOD COMMAND. A REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH THIS PROCEDURE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN ALL EXISTING AND FUTURE DOD CONTRACTS TO SUPPLY GOODS OR SERVICES IN IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN.

2.C. CONTRACT SECURITY ARMING AND USE OF PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES (PSC) IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

2.C.1. THE DECISION TO ARM DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES OR AUTHORIZE THE USE OF CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC WITHIN IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN TO PERFORM SECURITY SERVICES SHALL BE DECIDED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS PER THE POLICY PROVIDED HEREIN. ALL REQUESTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COGNIZANT US COMMANDER PER PARA 2.D., AND SHALL COMPLY WITH PARAGRAPH 3.F. BELOW. A REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH THIS PROCEDURE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ALREADY INCLUDED IN ALL EXISTING CONTRACTS AND SHALL BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE DOD CONTRACTS FOR CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC WITHIN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

2.C.2. DOD CIVILIANS, CONTRACTORS AND CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC ARE NOT COMBATANTS. ACTIONS INCONSISTENT WITH THEIR STATUS, SUCH AS DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN HOSTILITIES AGAINST ENEMY FORCES, COULD JEOPARDIZE THEIR LEGAL PROTECTIONS, RISK THEM BEING DIRECTLY TARGETED, AND COULD RESULT IN THEIR POSSIBLE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. BASED UPON THE CURRENT NATURE OF THE CONFLICT IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WITH EMERGING HOST NATION SECURITY/POLICE CAPABILITIES AND FUNCTIONING GOVERNMENTS, THE FOLLOWING DIRECTION IS PROVIDED:

2.C.2.A. WITHIN IRAQ, THE USE OF PROPERLY LICENSED PSC UNDER CPA ORDER 17 (REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES (PSC)) IS PERMITTED

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TO PROTECT CIVILIANS, CONTRACTORS, NON-MILITARY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT. FOR PURPOSES OF PSC PROTECTION, NON-MILITARY EQUIPMENT INCLUDES ALL ITEMS PURCHASED BY DOD BUT EARMARKED FOR TRANSFER TO THE IRAQIS.

2.C.2.B. WITHIN IRAQ, PROPERLY LICENSED PSC UNDER CPA ORDER [MEMORANDUM] 17 CAN ALSO BE USED TO PROTECT STATIC MILITARY FACILITIES AND ANY MILITARY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT WITHIN THAT FACILITY. BASED ON RECEIPT OF DOD/GC LEGAL GUIDANCE (REF B) AND CCJA LEGAL GUIDANCE (REF C), USE OF PSC CAN BE AUTHORIZED TO PROTECT MILITARY PERSONNEL AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE OF STATIC FACILITIES (SUCH AS FOR PERSONAL SECURITY DETAILS AND CONVOYS) WHEN RISK OF DIRECT CONTACT WITH UNIFORMED ENEMY IS NOT PROBABLE. CONTRACT SECURITY PERSONNEL ALWAYS RETAIN THEIR ABILITY TO EXERCISE SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST HOSTILE ACTS OR DEMONSTRATED HOSTILE INTENT, BUT ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO TAKE A DIRECT PART IN OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

2.C.2.C. WITHIN AFGHANISTAN, USE OF CONTRACT SECURITY MAY BE AUTHORIZED TO GUARD US / COALITION MAIN MILITARY SUPPLY ROUTES, MILITARY FACILITIES, MILITARY CONVOYS, OR MILITARY PROPERTY CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE HOST NATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS. CONTRACT SECURITY PERSONNEL ALWAYS RETAIN THEIR ABILITY TO EXERCISE SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST HOSTILE ACTS OR DEMONSTRATED HOSTILE INTENT, BUT ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO TAKE A DIRECT PART IN OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

2.C.3. CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC AUTHORIZED TO PROTECT IRAQI OR AFGHANI MILITARY OR CIVILIAN FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT OR PERSONNEL, IF IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOST-NATION LAW, IS NOT LIMITED EVEN IF THE USG PROVIDES THE FUNDING OR CONTRACTING. ADDITIONALLY, WITHIN NON-MILITARY CONVOYS AND FACILITIES PROTECTED BY CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC, TRANSIENT PRESENCE OF US MILITARY PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT WILL NOT OTHERWISE RESTRICT AUTHORIZED USE OF CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS POLICY REMAIN APPLICABLE WHEN THE CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC IS UNDER DOD CONTRACT AUTHORITY.

2.D. EXCEPT AS DELEGATED BELOW, DCDRUSCENTCOM IS THE APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION AND CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC ARMING REQUESTS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

2.D.1. AUTHORITY TO APPROVE NON-DOD WEAPONS, DESIGNATE MISSION ESSENTIAL PROPERTY FOR PROTECTION, AND APPROVE OR DENY REQUESTS IS DELEGATED TO USCENTCOM CHIEF OF STAFF (COS) FOR CIVILIANS AND CONTRACTORS ASSIGNED OR ATTACHED TO HQ, USCENTCOM; CDRMNF-I FOR IRAQ; THE SENIOR US FORCES COMMANDER DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO USCENTCOM FOR AFGHANISTAN; AND CDR TF3/52 OR ITS SUCCESSORS FOR THOSE PERSONNEL IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED OR ATTACHED TO CDR TF3/52 OR ITS SUCCESSORS. THIS AUTHORITY MAY BE FURTHER DELEGATED IN WRITING TO SPECIFIC FLAG OR GENERAL OFFICERS OR DOD CIVILIAN EQUIVALENTS OR TO SPECIFIC STAFF POSITIONS OCCUPIED BY A FLAG OR GENERAL OFFICER OR DOD EQUIVALENT WITHIN THE COMMAND OR AT SUBORDINATE COMMANDS. FURTHER DELEGATION IS NOT PERMITTED.

2.D.2. NOTWITHSTANDING THE DELEGATION AUTHORITY WITHIN 2.D.1., CDRMNF-I, THE SENIOR US FORCES COMMANDER DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO USCENTCOM IN AFGHANISTAN AND CDR TF3/52 OR ITS SUCCESSORS ARE THE SOLE AUTHORITIES TO APPROVE THE USE OF CONTRACT SECURITY TO PROTECT MILITARY PERSONNEL IN IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN. THIS AUTHORITY CANNOT BE FURTHER DELEGATED.

2.D.3. ALL ARMING APPROVALS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS (PER PARA 8) SHALL BE IN WRITING AND CONTAIN THE PERSON(S) NAME, TYPE OF WEAPON(S) AND PERIOD OF AUTHORIZATION. DELEGATED APPROVAL AUTHORITIES MAY SET ADDITIONAL STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS AS NEEDED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS POLICY.

2.D.4. NOTIFY AND COPY POCs ON ANY DELEGATION AND ADDITIONAL STANDARDS OR REQUIREMENTS.

3. REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR ARMING REQUESTS.

3.A. A DESCRIPTION OF WHERE SUCH PERSON(S) WILL OPERATE, TYPE OF WEAPONS REQUESTED, THE ANTICIPATED THREAT, WHY COALITION OR HOST NATION

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POLICE/SECURITY FORCES ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION, WHAT PROPERTY/FACILITIES (MILITARY OR NON-MILITARY) OR PERSONNEL (MILITARY OR NON-MILITARY) SUCH PERSON(S) ARE INTENDED TO PROTECT, IF ANY, OR, IF FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION, SO STATE.

3.B. DOCUMENTATION OF INDIVIDUAL TRAINING COVERING WEAPONS FAMILIARIZATION/QUALIFICATION (PER ANY DOD OR USG AGENCY STANDARD FOR THE REQUESTED WEAPON), THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT (LOAC), RULES FOR THE USE OF FORCE (RUF) (SEE PARA 4.), AND THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (ROE) APPLICABLE TO MILITARY FORCES AND THE PRESCRIBED RUF THAT CONTROL THE USE OF WEAPONS BY DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES. UNLESS EXTENDED IN WRITING BY THE DESIGNATED APPROVAL AUTHORITY DUE TO OPERATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, TRAINING IS VALID FOR 12 MONTHS AND MUST REMAIN CURRENT WHILE ARMED. A LAPSE IN TRAINING VOIDS ANY EXISTING ARMING APPROVAL.

3.C. DD FORM 2760 (QUALIFICATION TO POSSESS FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION) OR EQUIVALENT THAT INCLUDES CERTIFICATION THAT THE PERSON(S) IS NOT PROHIBITED UNDER U.S. LAW FROM POSSESSING A WEAPON OR AMMUNITION (E.G., CONVICTION IN ANY COURT OF A CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHETHER A MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY).

3.D. WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE PERSON(S) AND, FOR DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES, THE EMPLOYING COMPANY, THAT USE OF WEAPONS COULD SUBJECT THEM TO US AND HOST NATION PROSECUTION AND CIVIL LIABILITY.

3.E. REQUESTS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION ARMING SHALL INCLUDE THE NAMES OF ALL PERSONS REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION. REQUESTS FOR BLANKET AUTHORIZATION FOR GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS OR JOB SPECIALTY, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARA 8, WILL NOT BE APPROVED.

3.F. REQUESTS FOR CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC SHALL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION IN PARAS 3.A. AS WELL AS A STATEMENT THAT THE CONTRACT TERMS WILL REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARA 3.B., 3.C., AND 3.D. WITHIN IRAQ, CONTRACT TERMS MUST ALSO REFLECT COMPLIANCE WITH REFS D AND E [WITHIN USCENTCOM 231606ZDEC05] FOR STATUS AS A PSC. DOCUMENTATION WILL INCLUDE THE COGNIZANT GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING OFFICERS COORDINATION ON THE REQUEST.

4. RULES FOR THE USE OF FORCE (RUF) FOR ARMED DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES. (SEE REFS A AND B IN ORIGINAL CDRUSENCOM MSG, USCENTCOM POLICY AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION AND CONTRACT SECURITY SERVICE ARMING OF DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTORS FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, DTD 231606ZDEC05, FOR DEFINITIONS OF TERMS AND FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION).

4.A. DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES ARMED FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION OR CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC WORK HAVE THE INHERENT RIGHT TO EXERCISE SELF-DEFENSE IN RESPONSE TO A HOSTILE ACT OR DEMONSTRATED HOSTILE INTENT.

4.B. DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES ARMED FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION OR CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC WORK ARE NOT COMBATANTS.

TAKING A DIRECT PART IN HOSTILITIES (E.G., ENGAGING IN COMBAT ACTIONS WITH COALITION FORCES) OR PERFORMING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IS PROHIBITED.

4.C. INTERACTION WITH COALITION AND HOST NATION FORCES: COOPERATE WITH COALITION AND HOST NATION POLICE/SECURITY FORCES AND COMPLY WITH THEATER FORCE PROTECTION POLICIES. DO NOT AVOID OR RUN COALITION OR HOST NATION POLICE/SECURITY FORCE CHECKPOINTS. IF AUTHORIZED TO CARRY WEAPONS, DO NOT AIM THEM AT COALITION OR HOST NATION POLICE/SECURITY FORCES. REPORT ALL INCIDENTS OF WEAPONS DISCHARGE/USE TO APPLICABLE DOD ORGANIZATION AND HOST NATION.

4.D. USE OF DEADLY FORCE: DEADLY FORCE IS THAT FORCE WHICH ONE REASONABLY BELIEVES WILL CAUSE DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY HARM. DEADLY FORCE IS TO BE USED ONLY WHEN ALL LESSER MEANS HAVE FAILED OR CANNOT REASONABLY BE EMPLOYED.

4.D.1. FOR DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES ARMED FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION, USE OF DEADLY FORCE IS PERMITTED ONLY FOR INDIVIDUAL

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SELF-DEFENSE WHEN THERE IS A REASONABLE BELIEF OF IMMINENT RISK OF DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY HARM.

4.D.2. FOR DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES ARMED FOR CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC WORK, USE OF DEADLY FORCE IS PERMITTED FOR INDIVIDUAL SELF-DEFENSE AND IN DEFENSE OF OTHERS WHEN THERE IS A REASONABLE BELIEF OF IMMINENT RISK OF DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY HARM.

DETAILS REGARDING THIS AUTHORIZATION WILL BE PROVIDED, FOR DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, BY APPROPRIATE DOD AUTHORITIES AND, FOR DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES, WITHIN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO WHICH THE CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE IS ASSIGNED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY IRAQI REGULATIONS RELATING TO PSC USE OF DEADLY FORCE SOLELY TO PROTECT PROPERTY OF ANY TYPE, DOD CONTRACT SECURITY CAN BE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO PROTECT DESIGNATED MISSION ESSENTIAL AND US NATIONAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY WITH FORCE, INCLUDING DEADLY FORCE. WITHIN IRAQ, DUE TO LACK OF IMMUNITY UNDER CPA ORDER 17, HOST-NATION PSC EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS SHOULD NOT BE PLACED INTO POSITIONS REQUIRING DEADLY FORCE DEFENSE OF MISSION ESSENTIAL OR US NATIONAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY.

4.E. GRADUATED FORCE: YOU WILL USE THE REASONABLE AMOUNT OF FORCE NECESSARY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME TECHNIQUES YOU MAY USE, IF THEIR USE WILL NOT UNNECESSARILY ENDANGER YOU OR OTHERS:

SHOUT - VERBAL WARNINGS TO HALT IN NATIVE LANGUAGE; SHOW - YOUR WEAPON AND DEMONSTRATE INTENT TO USE IT; AND SHOOT (USE DEADLY FORCE) - TO REMOVE THE THREAT ONLY WHERE NECESSARY AS AUTHORIZED IN PARA 4.D.

4.F. IF YOU MUST FIRE YOUR WEAPON, FIRE ONLY AIMED SHOTS WITH DUE REGARD FOR THE SAFETY OF INNOCENT BYSTANDERS AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT INCIDENT AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE.

4.G. LOCAL CIVILIANS: TREAT LOCAL CIVILIANS WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. YOU MAY STOP, DETAIN, SEARCH, AND DISARM LOCAL PERSONS IF REQUIRED FOR SELF-DEFENSE ONLY OR AS REFLECTED IN THE TERMS OF THE RELEVANT CONTRACT. ALL CIVILIANS WILL BE TREATED HUMANELY AND ANY DETAINED PERSONS OR PROPERTY WILL BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY AND TURNED OVER TO THE HOST NATION POLICE/SECURITY OR COALITION FORCES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4.H. DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES, WHETHER ARMED FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION OR SERVING AS CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC, SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN COMBATANT ACTIVITIES, COMBAT-LIKE OPERATIONS, OR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS ALONE OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH US / COALITION OR HOST NATION FORCES, NO PERSON OR FORCE IS DECLARED HOSTILE FOR PURPOSES OF THE RUF. ACTIONS TAKEN IN SELF-DEFENSE ARE NOT CONSIDERED COMBATANT ACTIVITIES, COMBAT-LIKE OR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AND REMAIN AVAILABLE TO RESPOND TO HOSTILE ACTS OR DEMONSTRATED HOSTILE INTENT.

5. **WEAPONS POSSESSION.** DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES, WHETHER ARMED FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION OR SERVING AS CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC, MUST:

5.A. WHILE ARMED, CARRY PROOF OF AUTHORIZATION TO BE ARMED. ABSENT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION, PERSONNEL ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CARRY WEAPONS CONCEALED;

5.B. POSSESS ONLY THOSE U.S. GOVERNMENT-ISSUED OR APPROVED WEAPONS AND US GOVERNMENT-ISSUED OR APPROVED AMMUNITION (SEE PARA. 6.) FOR WHICH QUALIFIED AND AUTHORIZED;

5.C. FOLLOW ALL APPLICABLE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED BY DCDRUSCENTCOM OR HIS DESIGNEE, AS WELL AS APPLICABLE HOST-NATION REGULATIONS AND LAWS AND (WITHIN IRAQ) COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE POSSESSION AND USE OF WEAPONS.

5.D. NOT CONSUME ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHILE ARMED OR WITHIN EIGHT HOURS BEFORE ANY SCHEDULED ARMING.

6. AUTHORIZED WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION.

6.A. ONLY US GOVERNMENT-APPROVED WEAPONS SUCH AS THE M9, M4, M16, OR EQUIVALENT (E.G., .45 CAL, AK-47) ARE AUTHORIZED FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION. THE M9 OR EQUIVALENT SIDEARM WILL BE THE STANDARD PERSONAL PROTECTION WEAPON UNLESS OTHER WEAPONS ARE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED. US GOVERNMENT BALL AMMUNITION IS THE STANDARD APPROVED AMMUNITION. OTHER WEAPONS MAY BE AUTHORIZED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS BY DCDRUSCENTCOM OR DESIGNEE.

6.B. FOR CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC ARMING, WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION IDENTIFIED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH ARE THE STANDARD APPROVED WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION. OTHER WEAPONS MAY BE AUTHORIZED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS BY DCDRUSCENTCOM OR DESIGNEE. NOTWITHSTANDING HOST NATION LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW USE OF HEAVIER WEAPONS BY CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC, ALL DOD SECURITY SERVICE/PSC CONTRACTORS MUST HAVE WEAPONS APPROVED BY DCDRUSCENTCOM OR DESIGNEE BEFORE USE.

6.C. DOD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WILL NOT POSSESS OR USE WEAPONS OR AMMUNITION EXCEPT THOSE PROVIDED TO THEM PER THIS POLICY BY THE US GOVERNMENT OR A DOD CONTRACTOR SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY DCDRUSCENTCOM OR DESIGNEE.

6.D. NO WEAPONS OR AMMUNITION WILL BE PROCURED IN THE AOR UNDER THIS AUTHORIZATION EXCEPT FROM US GOVERNMENT SOURCES.

7. VEHICLES USED BY ARMED DOD CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC AND DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN THE COURSE OF THEIR SECURITY DUTIES SHALL NOT BE PAINTED OR MARKED TO RESEMBLE US / COALITION MILITARY AND HOST NATION MILITARY AND POLICE / SECURITY FORCE VEHICLES. CDRMNF-I AND THE SENIOR US FORCES COMMANDER DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO USCENTCOM FOR AFGHANISTAN; AND CDR TF3/52 OR ITS SUCCESSORS SHALL ESTABLISH, CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT THREAT CONDITIONS, UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN RESPECTIVELY.

8. US GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WHO ARE AUTHORIZED UNDER US LAW OR REGULATION (SERVING IN A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR NATIONAL SECURITY CAPACITY) TO CARRY, CONCEALED OR OTHERWISE, GOVERNMENT-ISSUED WEAPONS AND WHOSE DUTIES ROUTINELY REQUIRE THEM TO DO SO, ARE AUTHORIZED TO POSSESS AND USE GOVERNMENT WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION FOR SECURITY SERVICES OR PERSONAL PROTECTION WITHIN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN UPON NOTIFICATION TO AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM USCENTCOM OR DESIGNEE PER PARA 2.D.1.

9. CDRMNF-I AND THE SENIOR US FORCES COMMANDER DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO USCENTCOM IN AFGHANISTAN SHOULD WORK WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AMEMB WITHIN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN TO ENCOURAGE A CONSISTENT APPROACH FOR ARMING OF OTHER USG CIVILIANS AND USG CONTRACTORS UNDER CHIEF OF MISSION AUTHORITY. KEEP POCS APPRISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

10. ALL DOD ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WILL REPORT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO CDRMNF-I AND THE SENIOR US FORCES COMMANDER DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO USCENTCOM IN AFGHANISTAN, RESPECTIVELY. CDRMNF-I, THE SENIOR US FORCES COMMANDER DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO USCENTCOM IN AFGHANISTAN, AND CDR TF3/52 OR ITS SUCCESSORS WILL REPORT QUARTERLY TO CCJ3-FP THE NUMBER OF CIVILIANS AND CONTRACTORS ARMED FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION AND THE NAMES OF COMPANIES, APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES UTILIZED AND GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK, AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM SECURITY SERVICE WORK AND CONTRACT NUMBER. FOR ACCOUNTABILITY PURPOSES, REPORTS SHOULD CLEARLY DISTINGUISH BETWEEN DOD CIVILIANS AND DOD CONTRACTORS. ADDITIONALLY, ENSURE THAT USCENTCOM IS INFORMED OF ANY USE OF FORCE BY ARMED CIVILIANS, CONTRACTORS OR CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC THAT RESULTS IN INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. ALSO REPORT ANY CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC USE OF FORCE

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AGAINST US/COALITION, IRAQI OR AFGHANI FORCES WHETHER OR NOT INJURY OR DAMAGE RESULTS.

11. THIS POLICY IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED A LAWFUL GENERAL ORDER. VIOLATION OF THIS GENERAL ORDER MAY SUBJECT AN OFFENDER TO ADMINISTRATIVE OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER THE UCMJ, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL REGULATIONS, CONTRACT TERMS OR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION UNDER US OR HOST-NATION LAW. CONTRACT SECURITY/PSC CONTRACTS AWARDED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE MODIFIED TO COMPLY WITH THIS POLICY WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OR AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. ALL PRIOR USCENTCOM APPROVED REQUESTS REMAIN IN EFFECT. ANY CHANGES, REVISIONS, OR RENEWALS WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH THE DESIGNATED AUTHORITY (COS, MNF-I, THE SENIOR US FORCES COMMANDER DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO USCENTCOM IN AFGHANISTAN, AND CDR TF3/52 OR ITS SUCCESSORS AS APPLICABLE).

12. ARMING INFORMATION AND FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE CCJA WEBSITE AT: [HTTP://HQSWEB03.CENTCOM.SMIL.MIL/CRISIS/CATDESKS/CAT_JAG.ASP](http://HQSWEB03.CENTCOM.SMIL.MIL/CRISIS/CATDESKS/CAT_JAG.ASP), SELECT CIVILIAN/CONTRACTOR ARMING INFO. USCENTCOM POCS ARE CCJ3-FP: CPT MICHAEL SANDERS, SANDERMJ@CENTCOM.SMIL.MIL, CCJ4-O: LT COL JULIE WITTKOFF, WITTKOJA@CENTCOM.MIL, AND FOR LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO ARMING, CCJA: JOCJA@CENTCOM.SMIL.MIL, CCJA@CENTCOM.MIL (ATTN: CDR O'DONNELL).