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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Forces Korea (USFK) Command Policy Letter #6, Prohibited Substances

1. **Applicability.** This policy applies to Service Members, DoD Civilian Employees, Invited Contractors, Technical Representatives and dependents residing in, or transiting through Korea. Violations of this policy may result in punitive or adverse administrative actions. The ROK government retains the authority to prosecute the use of prohibited substances within the ROK.

2. **Background.**

a. A trend of substance abuse has emerged in Korea among USFK personnel. Many of these substances are legal in the United States but are illegal in Republic of Korea. Although not on the U.S. controlled substance list, they are capable of, and are increasingly marketed and/or distributed for the purpose of producing excitement, intoxication, and/or stupefaction of the central nervous system.

b. The unregulated and unpredictable nature of the substances causes some or all of the following potential consequences after ingestion, inhalation, or injection: adverse physical reactions, impaired ability to perform their duty in a safe and competent manner, or unlawful or dangerous behavior due to impaired judgment.

3. **Prohibition.** In order to ensure military readiness, safeguard the health and wellness of the force, and maintain good order and discipline, the improper use of any intoxicating substance (other than the lawful use of alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, and medications) that is inhaled, injected, consumed, or introduced into the body in any manner to alter mood or function is prohibited. Prohibited substances include but are not limited to:

a. Controlled substance analogues (e.g., designer drugs such as "spice" that are not otherwise controlled substances) and naturally occurring intoxicating substance (e.g., salvia divinorum) capable of inducing and marketed for stupefaction of the central nervous system.

b. Inhalants, propellants, solvents, household chemicals, and other substances used for "huffing."

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c. Prescription or over-the-counter medications when used in a manner contrary to their intended medical purpose, in excess of the prescribed dosage, past the expiration date, or belonging to another individual.


d. Knowingly using and importing "Cannabinol," "Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)," "Cannabidiol", hemp or any products derived from such substances into the Republic of Korea regardless of the intended use. It is a violation of this policy and Korean law to enter Korea with substances containing "Cannabinol," "Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)," "Cannabidiol" hemp or any products derived from such substances. This includes but not limited to soaps, lotions, shampoo, "Vape," "CBD" oils regardless of the amount or potency listed in the ingredient by the manufacturer.

e. While the DoD does not maintain an exhaustive list of prohibited substances, if the Drug Enforcement Administration declares a substance illegal, then DoD considers it banned or illegal as well. The Republic of Korea Narcotics Control Act also applies and the ROK may enforce its provisions regarding prohibited substances possessed, used, or imported.

4. This policy remains in effect unless rescinded by the approval authority.

5. Point of contact for this policy letter is the USFK Provost Marshal at (315) 755-8068.

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Enclosure

REFERENCES

1. 21 United States Code 812, *Schedules of controlled substances*
1. Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) (2019 Edition).
2. Department of Defense Instruction 1010.01, *Military Personnel Drug Abuse Testing Program (MPDATP)* (13 September 2012; Incorporating Change 1, Effective 14 February 2018)
3. Department of Defense Instruction 1010.10, *Health Promotion and Disease Prevention* (28 April 2014; Incorporating Change 2, 12 January 2018)
4. Army Regulation 600-85, *The Army Substance Abuse Program* (23 July 2020)
5. Army Directive 2013-10, *Synthetic Cannabinoids ("Spice") and "Bath Salts" Probable Cause and Competence for Duty Testing* (11 April 2013)
6. Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5300.28F, *Military Substance Abuse Prevention and Control* (23 April 2019)
7. Air Force Instruction 44-121, *Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT) Program* (18 July 2018; Incorporating Change 1, 21 November 2019; Corrective Actions Applied on 19 December 2019)