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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy for Interim Materiel Release (IMR) to Approved Units

1 References:

a. AR 700-142, Materiel Release, Fielding and Transfer, 1 May 1995

b. DA Pamphlet 700-142, Instructions for Materiel Release, Fielding and Transfer, 15 January 1998.

c. DA Pamphlet 710-2-1, Using Unit Supply System (Manual Procedures), DA Form 2062, Hand Receipt, 31 December 1997.

d. DA Pamphlet 70-3, Army Acquisition Procedures, Paragraph 1.5.4, Figure 1-3, Sample Format for Safety and Health Data Sheet, 15 July 1999.

e. Memorandum, HQDA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, dated 2 August 2002, Policy for Interim Materiel Release to Approved Units (hereby cancelled).

2. This memorandum revises guidance provided in reference (e) above and takes effect immediately. An IMR is limited to materiel developed and procured for all Stryker Brigade Combat Teams (SBCTs), the Digitized Corps, and other units as directed by the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3. An IMR will only be used for systems, or versions/blocks of systems, that have not reached Milestone C. When a system released under IMR reaches Milestone C, it will be converted to Conditional or Full Materiel Release (MR) (IAW with reference (a) and (b) above) or revert to Materiel Developer (MATDEV) control. Interim released systems shall employ hand receipts not to exceed one year (DA Pamphlet 710-2-1).

3. The following documentation is required for an IMR:

a. Safety statement provided by the U.S. Army Materiel Command (USAMC) Major Subordinate Command (MSC) Safety Office. The safety statement will summarize the overall safety of the system and address, as applicable, those things described in the Safety and Health Data Sheet (DA Pamphlet 70-3, paragraph 1.5.4, Figure 1-3). This

includes, but is not limited to, information with regard to munitions and explosives, radioactive materials and licensing, results of health hazard assessments, safety review of technical manuals, Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) safety confirmation/safety release, as appropriate, results of safety inspections and analyses, status of identified hazards to include their disposition, and a safety statement on suitability for release. If the IMR is for munitions/explosive items, the following documentation is required:

(1) Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Render Safe Procedures certification by the EOD Technical Center.

(2) Interim Hazard Classification (IHC) IAW 700-2 and Title 49 CFR.

(3) Insensitive Munitions (IM) Certification of Compliance IAW MIL-STD 2105B or approved waiver of IM compliance.

b. Independent Logistician Position from Office, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Integrated Logistics Support.

c. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that outlines the fielding and support responsibilities of the fielding command and the gaining command. Joint signature of the MOA by the Materiel Developer, and the gaining Major Command (MACOM) General Officer (e.g., U.S. Army Forces Command, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (DCSLOG)), will signify acceptance of identified conditions, supportability limitations, and restrictions for use. At a minimum, the agreement should clearly address MR prerequisites in paragraph 3-6 of AR 700-142 (see paragraph d below). Any shortcomings will be annotated in the get-well plan. In addition, the MOA will clearly annotate who owns the equipment, procedures for property accountability, term of use (not to exceed one year) and any documentation required to be provided. It will also document fielding and logistics support procedures, i.e., contractor logistics support, and availability of sustainment funding, and gaining command support requirements. In the event that the gaining unit takes the IMR items during deployment, the MOA will document the terms and conditions applicable to those situations with clear accountability for support for those items; taking into account Army policy regarding contractors on the battlefield.

d. The get-well plan, enclosed to the MOA referenced above should address the following issues:

From AR 700-142, Paragraph 3-6(a):

(1) Timeline for the ATEC System Evaluation Report

(2) Timeline for the Materiel Fielding Agreement.

(3) Joint Interoperability and intra-Army interoperability shortcomings and corrective approach.

(4) Method of support for Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE)--NOTE: This includes notification to U.S. Army Test Measurement Diagnostic Activity (USATA) of the support plan.

From AR 700-142, Paragraph 3-6(b):

The statements required by this paragraph are not required at the time of IMR; however, the get-well plan should address the following:

(1) Timeline for Type Classification.

(2) Known Health Hazards and corrective measures; timeline for Health Hazard Assessment Report completion.

(3) Known supply/maintenance supportability issues and get-well plans

(4) Training Issues and timelines.

(5) Software Supportability Issues.

(6) Transportability Issues--NOTE: that notification to Military Traffic Management Command-Transportability Engineering Activity (MTMCTEA) should be provided to address immediate transport issues associated with the IMR.

(7) Timeline for completion of the System Safety Risk Assessment.

(8) Supportability issues with Associated Support Items of Equipment (ASIOE) and Components of End Items (COEI).

When applicable, a statement of air-worthiness is still required for IMR. For munitions/explosive items, the requirements outlined in (a) above apply. Additionally, Communication and Security (COMSEC) issues are required to be addressed/resolved for IMR items.

During the IMR, the MATDEV will actively work to eliminate all get-well plan conditions preventing the IMR from being converted to a Full or Conditional MR

e. A signed statement by the MATDEV comparing the system/equipment's current capabilities, at the time of materiel release, against those required capabilities found in the Operational Requirements Document (ORD). This statement will clearly outline, compare and describe existing capabilities and any limitations or shortcomings at the system/item level so that the gaining command can accurately gauge the operational impact(s) of accepting the item at less than full materiel release.

4. The IMR will be staffed through the U.S. Army Materiel Command, Major Subordinate Command (USAMC, MSC) Materiel Release Review Board to the USAMC, MSC Commander who is the MR Approval Authority for signature. Signature by the MR Approval Authority constitutes IMR approval. Medical materiel must be approved by U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency (USAMMA).

5. After one year, the MATDEV will conduct a system review that will include representatives from the USAMC, MSC, G3, gaining MACOM, the Army Independent Logistician, ATEC and other participants as required. The review will determine if the program will revert to MATDEV control, complete the MR approval process (converting to full (preferred) or conditional), or remain under an IMR. This review should occur NLT 30 days prior to the end of the term included in the MOA listed above. Up to two additional one-year extensions may be granted provided the MOA and get-well plans are updated and the extended IMR is approved by the MR Approval Authority. These reviews will be held until the IMR is converted to a Full or Conditional MR.

6. The IMR forecasts and approvals (with get-well plan) will be entered into the Materiel Release Tracking System (MRTS) (paragraph 3-4, AR 700-142). Updates to conditions listed in the IMR will be recorded in MRTS following the same guidelines provided for Conditional Material Release.

7. Point of contact for this action is Mr. Larry Hill, commercial 703-693-0028/29, DSN 664-7450, or e-mail: larry.hill@hqda.army.mil.

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