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**PLANS AND POLICY**

Immunization of Other Than U.S. Forces (OTUSF)  
For Biological Warfare Defense

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1. **Summary.** This directive implements policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures for immunizing other than U.S. forces (OTUSF) personnel against validated biological warfare threats.
2. **Applicability.** This directive applies to the United States European Command (USEUCOM) and its component commands.
3. **Internal Controls.** This Directive does not contain internal control provisions and is not subject to the requirements of the internal management control program. For USEUCOM and subordinate joint activities, the applicable internal control directive is ED 50-8, Internal Management Control Program.
4. **Suggested Improvements.** The proponent for this directive is the Weapons of Mass Destruction/Counterproliferation Branch, Treaty and Threat Reduction Division, Plans and Policy Directorate. Suggested improvements should be forwarded to HQ USEUCOM/ECJ5-T, Unit 30400, Box 1000, APO AE 09128.
5. **References.**
  - a. DoD Directive 1404.10, "Emergency-Essential (E-E) DoD U.S. Citizen Civilian Employees," April 10, 1992.
  - b. DoD Directive 6205.3, "DoD Immunization Program for Biological Warfare Defense", 26 Nov 93.
  - c. DoD Instruction 1400.32, "DoD Civilian Work Force Contingency and Emergency Planning Guidelines and Procedures", 24 Apr 95.
  - d. DoD Instruction 3020.37, "Continuation of Essential DoD Contractor Services During Crises", 6 Nov 90.
  - e. DoD Instruction 6205.4, "Immunization of Other Than U.S. Forces (OTUSF) For Biological Warfare Defense", 14 Apr 00.

- f. USEUCOM Directive 67-5, "Medical Crisis Response", 19 Apr 00.
- g. USEUCOM Directive 67-6, "Single Integrated Medical Logistics Manager", 16 Mar 00.

6. **Policy.** USEUCOM and its component commands shall determine requirements for immunizing non-U.S. military personnel, whose support is vital to the U.S. capability to conduct war, small scale contingencies, peace support operations, or other designated operations when there is a threat or use of biological warfare agents.

7. **Explanation of Terms.**

a. Biological Warfare Agent. A microorganism or biological toxin intended to cause disease, injury, or death in humans.

b. Biological Warfare Threat. A biological material planned to be deployed to produce casualties in humans.

c. High-Threat Area. A geographic area in the proximity of a nation or nations considered to pose a potential biological threat to DoD personnel by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in consultation with the Commanders in Chiefs of the Unified Commands and the Director, DIA.

d. Validated Biological Warfare Threat Agent. A biological warfare agent that is validated as a threat to DoD personnel by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in consultation with the Commanders in Chiefs of the Unified and Specified Commands; the Chiefs of the Military Services; and the Director, DIA.

8. **Responsibilities.**

a. USEUCOM.

(1) ECJ1. Provide advice and assistance on personnel issues.

(2) ECJ2. Provide intelligence on the threat or use of biological warfare agents.

(3) ECJ3. In coordination with ECJ4, include immunization of OTUSF personnel for biological warfare agents into USEUCOM operations and plans as directed by USCINCEUR or the NCA.

(4) ECJ4.

(a) Include implementation guidance IAW reference e on the immunization of OTUSF personnel for biological warfare agents in the medical annex of the USCINCEUR Standard, the counterproliferation, and, as appropriate, other USEUCOM plans.

(b) Integrate the immunization of OTUSF personnel for biological warfare agent program into the USEUCOM Health Support System IAW reference f.

(c) Integrate vaccines for biological warfare agents into the Single Integrated Medical Logistics Manager system IAW reference g.

(d) Assess from data provided by the component commands, the total USEUCOM immunization requirement by number, and number by subcategory, of OTUSF personnel in Categories 1 through 4, as defined by paragraphs 5.1 through 5.4, reference e (see Appendix A), in the USEUCOM AOR. Update the assessment annually.

(e) Monitor USEUCOM component commands' immunization of OTUSF personnel for biological warfare agent implementation plans.

(5) ECJ5 (USEUCOM Chemical Officer). Provide information on validated biological warfare threat agents.

(6) ECJA. Provide advice and assistance on legal issues pertaining to the immunization of OTUSF personnel for biological warfare agents.

(7) ECPLAD. Provide advice and assistance on the political ramifications/issues of the immunization of OTUSF personnel who are non-U.S. citizens for biological warfare agents.

(8) ECPA.

(a) Draft and coordinate public affairs guidance for implementation of immunization programs with OSD-PA, ECJ4-MR, and component public affairs officers, to include details on immunizations. As permitted under operations security constraints, use internal and external media to inform proposed recipients

(b) Ensure public affairs guidance includes point(s)-of-contact information for non-military shot recipients to get truthful, accurate information about proposed immunizations.

b. Component Commanders.

(1) Implement a plan for the immunization of OTUSF personnel for biological warfare agents IAW with their service's regulations, directives, or other guidance; reference e; and this directive.

(2) Determine the total number, and number by subcategory, of OTUSF personnel in Categories 1 through 4, as defined by paragraphs 5.1 through 5.4, reference e (see Appendix A), in the USEUCOM AOR for which they provide medical support. Provide a determination to ECJ4 and update it annually.

(3) Reinforce to proposed immunization recipients through command information channels factual, accurate information about proposed immunizations.

(4) Forward feedback to ECJ4-MR and ECPA on receptivity of proposed immunization recipients to proposed program, and recommended adjustments to information dissemination system.

(5) Develop a method of tracking personnel who receive vaccines IAW paragraphs 4.4.2 and 4.7.2, reference e. Provide a copy of this tracking system to USEUCOM ECJ4.

(6) Process requests for vaccines and/or immunizations by other organizations/agencies IAW with their service's regulations, directives, or other guidance; reference e; and this directive.

(7) Provide vaccines and/or immunizations, as directed, to non-USEUCOM US government agencies for which the component command provides routine medical care.

## 9. **Procedures.**

a. Information and Communications Program. For all immunizations carried out under this policy by component commands, a full information program will be implemented to assure that recipients receive accurate and complete information regarding the vaccine and the vaccine immunization program. With the exception of Category 1 personnel for whom the immunization is determined to be mandatory pursuant to subparagraph 5.1.3, reference e, information provided must include a clear explanation that the immunization is voluntary.

### b. Receipt of Immunizations.

(1) Category 1 Personnel. The Secretary of Defense may make the immunizations mandatory. If the Secretary of Defense makes the immunizations mandatory for contractors, subcontractors, or their employees, contracts will be modified to meet this requirement.

(2) Categories 2 and 3 Personnel. The receipt of immunization is voluntary. Evacuation, rather than immunization, is the primary means of addressing the biological warfare agent threat for Category 2 personnel.

(3) Category 4 Personnel. The primary means of immunization is their national program. If the Secretary of Defense authorizes the provision of vaccine, the foreign government will be responsible for immunizing its personnel.

c. The decision to provide vaccines is made by the Secretary of Defense, upon advice of the CJCS and the Commander in Chief, USEUCOM (USCINCEUR) for all categories. The primary consideration for establishing priorities for immunizations is mission impact.

d. USCINCEUR may request, IAW CJCS procedures, as an exception to evacuation as the primary means of addressing the biological warfare threat for Category 2 personnel, authority from the Secretary of Defense to provide immunization for one or more designated groups of personnel within or among the Category 2 subcategories listed in paragraphs 5.2.1.1 through 5.2.1.5, reference e (see Appendix A).

e. USCINCEUR may request, IAW CJCS procedures, authority to provide vaccines for one or more designated groups of personnel within Category 3 subcategories listed in paragraphs 5.3.1, reference e (see Appendix A).

f. USCINCEUR may request, IAW CJCS procedures, when it is not feasible to rely on the allied/coalition national programs to immunize their forces, authority to provide vaccines for one or more designated groups of personnel within the Category 4 subcategory.

g. Medical protocols. All immunizations provided or supported under this policy will be provided consistent with medical protocols, requirements, standards and procedures established by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), which will be consistent with applicable regulations and requirements of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, including adverse events reporting.

h. Continuity of Care. When appropriate, individuals who begin but do not complete a vaccination series before leaving a high-threat area may be given the opportunity, at the discretion of the component command responsible, to continue with the vaccination series, consistent with the applicable medical protocol.

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Appendixes

A - Extract, DoD Instruction 6205.4, Immunization of Other Than U. S. Forces (OTUSF) For Biological Warfare Defense, 14 April 00

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## APPENDIX A

### EXTRACT DOD INSTRUCTION 6205.4 IMMUNIZATION OF OTHER THAN U. S. FORCES (OTUSF) FOR BIOLOGICAL WARFARE DEFENSE

#### 5.1. Category 1: Emergency-Essential DoD Civilian and Contractor Personnel Who Perform Essential Services

##### 5.1.1. This category includes:

5.1.1.1. Emergency-essential U.S. national civilian employees of the Department of Defense, referred to in DoD Directive 1404.10 (reference a).

5.1.1.2. DoD contractors (or subcontractors) or employees of DoD contractors (or subcontractors) performing essential DoD contractor services, referred to in DoD Instruction 3020.37 (reference d).

#### 5.2. Category 2: Other U.S. National Personnel

##### 5.2.1. This category includes the following U.S. national personnel:

5.2.1.1. U.S. military family members.

5.2.1.2. Non-emergency-essential DoD civilian employees and other persons covered by DoD Instruction 1400.32 (reference c).

5.2.1.3. Family members of DoD civilian employees.

5.2.1.4. DoD contractor (and subcontractor) employees other than those performing essential DoD contractor services (referred to in subparagraph 5.1.1.2., above).

5.2.1.5. Family members of DoD contractor (and subcontractor) employees.

5.2.1.6. Employees of other U.S. Government (USG) Agencies.

5.2.1.7. Family members of employees of other USG Agencies.

5.2.1.8. Other USG contractor (and subcontractor) employees.

5.2.1.9. Family members of other USG contractor (and subcontractor) employees.

#### 5.3. Category 3: Other Personnel Supporting U.S. Military Operations

5.3.1. This category includes non-U.S. nationals who are required by the United States in conducting military operations. This category includes the following subcategories:

5.3.1.1. Personnel who are employees of the Department of Defense or a DoD contractor (or subcontractor) and who are not included in Categories 1 or 2.

5.3.1.2. Family members of personnel referred to in subparagraph 5.3.1.1., above.

5.3.1.3. Foreign personnel employed by the host-nation government or by contractors of the host-nation government.

5.3.1.4. Family members of personnel referred to in subparagraph 5.3.1.3., above.

5.4. Category 4: Allied/Coalition Nation Personnel

5.4.1. This category includes host-nation and third-country personnel the U.S. may assist pursuant to an international agreement or as directed by the Secretary of Defense, such as allied/coalition military forces, government officials and emergency response personnel.