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Veterinary Services

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1. **Summary.** This directive establishes policy, delineates responsibilities and provides guidance and procedures concerning the United States Army Veterinary Service role as the Department of Defense (DOD) Executive Agent for Veterinary Services. The provisions of this Directive apply in peacetime and during contingency and combatant operations, as indicated, to all elements of the Command.
 2. **Applicability.** USEUCOM Directive 67-7 is applicable to all commands and organizations in the USEUCOM area of responsibility.
 3. **Internal Control Systems.** This directive is not subject to requirements in AR 11-2, Internal Management Control.
 4. **Suggested Improvements.** The Office of the Command Surgeon, Headquarters, United States European Command, ECJ4-MR, is the proponent for this directive. All suggestions, corrections or comments should be sent to: HQ USEUCOM, ATTN: ECJ4-MR (Joint Force Health Protection Working Group), Unit 30400, APO AE 09131.
 5. **References.**
 - a. Public Law (PL) 89-544 and amendments, The Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (U)
 - b. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 9, subchapter A, parts 1-4, Animals and Animal Products (Animal Welfare) (U)
 - c. DOD Directive 3216.1, Use of Animals in DOD Programs, 17 Apr 95 (U)
 - d. Joint Publication 0-2, Unified Action Armed Forces, 24 Feb 1995 (U)
 - e. Joint Pub 4-02, Doctrine for Health Service Support in Joint Operations, 26 April 95 (U)

This Directive supersedes ED 67-7, dated 6 Mar 00

- f. AR 40-441/BUMEDINST 6200.1E/AFR 161-40, Joint Utilization of Certain Armed

Forces Medical Laboratory Facilities, 12 Jul 76 (U)

g. AR 40-657/NAVSUPINST 4355.4F/MCO P10110.31G, Veterinary/Medical Food Inspection and Laboratory Service, 6 Nov 97(U)

h. AR 40-905/SECNAVINST/6401.1/AFR 163-5, Veterinary Health Services, 16 Aug 94 (U)

i. AR 70-18, The Use of Animals in DOD Programs, 1 Jun 84 (U)

j. AFI 48-116, Food Safety Program, 19 Jul 94 (U)

k. FM 8-8/NAVMED P5047/AFM 160-20, Medical Support in Joint Operations, 1 Jun 72 (U)

l. EUCOM Directive 67-1, Health Service Support – Medical Services, 26 Jun 97 (U)

m. National Institutes of Health Publication 86-23, Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, 1996 (U)

6. **Explanation of Terms.**

a. Executive Agent: Plans, coordinates, and provides specified materiel and services for designated customers.

b. Veterinary Service Support (VSS): Includes inspection of food products and commercial food establishments IAW reference g.; provision of veterinary medical care to all government animals and the control of zoonotic diseases IAW reference h.; and veterinary laboratory support IAW references f. and g.

7. **Responsibilities.**

a. USCINCEUR is responsible for:

(1) Promulgation of policy governing the joint employment of US Army Veterinary assets.

(2) Appointment, in coordination with Commander, US Army Europe (USAREUR) and the USAREUR Command Surgeon, of the USEUCOM Veterinary Services Consultant.

(3) Promulgation of policy governing the care and use of animals in research and training within USEUCOM, including the appointment (in consultation with the USEUCOM Surgeon and the USEUCOM Veterinary Services Consultant) of a USEUCOM Animal Care and Use Consultant.

b. Commander, USAREUR, is responsible for the planning, coordination, and execution of VSS for all Department of Defense (DOD) agencies in the EUCOM Area of Responsibility.

c. Other EUCOM components and US Government agencies in the theater requiring support will:

- (1) Establish liaison with USAREUR to coordinate VSS requirements.
 - (2) Provide quarterly projection of VSS mission requirements to Commander, USAREUR.
 - (3) Provide funding (travel, per diem, and allowances), as required, for VSS.
- d. Commanders of units proposing the use of animals for research or training must:
- (1) Comply with requirements specified in references a., b., c., i., and m.
 - (2) Appoint an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) in coordination with the USEUCOM Animal Care and Use Consultant.
 - (a) The IACUC will include the Chairman, a Legal Officer, a senior scientist, an animal care staff member, and at least one non-affiliated member, for a minimum of five voting members. The attending veterinarian should be appointed to the IACUC as a non-voting member.
 - (b) The appointed IACUC members will be trained in animal care and use policy, ethics, and the protocol review process. The IACUC will review and approve/disapprove all protocols requesting or requiring the use of live animals in research or training.
 - (c) Protocols will be evaluated with the following considerations: alternatives to the use of living animals, appropriateness of analgesic and anesthetic regimen, adequacy of husbandry and care, minimization of stress and anxiety, and designation of pain category.
 - (d) The IACUC will ensure personnel involved in animals care and use are properly trained in husbandry practices, ethics, procedures and points of contact for the reporting of grievances or violations, and the IACUC protocol approval process.
- e. Commander, US Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) is responsible for food inspection on USAFE controlled installations IAW reference f.

8. **Policies and Procedures.**

- a. USCINCEUR will supervise VSS provided to US Government Agencies and to EUCOM Component organizations.
- b. USAREUR is designated the Executive Agent responsible for operation of all VSS in the EUCOM Area of Responsibility.
- c. USEUCOM Components will implement this Directive upon receipt, and will develop and promulgate instructions to ensure all subordinate organizations and activities comply, as appropriate.

9. **Command and Control.** USCINCEUR will exercise Combatant Command (COCOM) and

directive logistics authority, IAW references a. and b., through service component command channels and habitual Direct Support relationships.

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