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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, United States Army Garrisons (USAGs)

SUBJECT: IMCOM-Europe Air-Conditioning Policy

1. This memorandum supersedes memorandum, IMCOM-Europe, IMEU-PWD, 1 October 2014, subject as above.
2. References:
 - a. Executive Order 13423 (EO 13423), Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management, 24 January 2007.
 - b. Department of Defense Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan (SSPP), 20 September 2012.
 - c. Memorandum, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment (ASA IE&E), 23 January 2013, subject: Installations, Energy, and Environment Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Budget Guidance.
 - d. AR 420-1, Army Facilities Management.
3. This policy applies to all permanent-party and transient-party occupied facilities in the IMCOM-Europe area of responsibility.
4. The EO 13423 ([ref 2a](#)) mandates that all Federal agencies reduce energy intensity by 3 percent every year. Further, the DOD SSPP ([ref 2b](#)) establishes a goal of a 37.5 percent energy-reduction by FY 2020 using FY 2003 as a baseline year. For IMCOM-Europe to meet these goals, we must increase our efforts to reduce energy consumption. We can achieve these goals only with the help of every Soldier, Civilian employee, and Family member, as well as all DOD and non-DOD organizations and tenant agencies.
5. The Director, IMCOM-Europe, must approve the air-conditioning of all space not currently air-conditioned and the continuation of air-conditioning for air-conditioned spaces requiring major repairs. Areas currently air-conditioned will also require re-approval when the space is assigned to a different organization or when the air-conditioning unit serving the space requires replacement. This applies to all IMCOM-Europe locations except Italy. In Italy, air-conditioning requests may be approved by the Commander, USAG Vicenza.
 - a. All requests for air-conditioning of space that is not currently air-conditioned will be sent by the occupying agency in writing through the USAG directorate of public works (DPW) and Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G4, IMCOM-Europe, for validation and to

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the Director, IMCOM-Europe, for decision. If approved, the USAG DPW will ensure that the new air-conditioning unit meets energy consumption criteria by installing a unit with a European Union Energy Label designation of "A" or better (comparable to and meets the same intent of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ENERGY STAR label and rating).

b. In addition, the USAG DPW will ensure sustainability by installing a comparable amount of renewable electrical-generating capability to the garrison electrical utility system. Offsetting the added electrical load will enhance mission capabilities and energy security.

c. Based on historical ambient weather data, air-conditioning generally is not considered appropriate for climate conditions found in Europe, except for Italy.

d. The operation of portable (supplemental) heating and cooling devices is prohibited when the intent is to circumvent the primary heating and cooling system. Such devices can be approved in situations where supplemental heating and cooling results in cost-effective energy reductions or is in the best interests of the agency. All requests for supplemental heating and cooling systems will include a justification and must be sent to the Director, IMCOM-Europe, for decision.

e. The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy & Environment, has directed commanders and leaders to comply with the following guidelines for heating and cooling in occupied facilities. If these guidelines are not already being applied, leaders will apply them immediately:

(1) During the heating season, occupied facilities will be maintained at a temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) (20 degrees Celsius (°C)) and unoccupied facilities at a heating set-back temperature of 55 °F (13 °C).

(2) During the cooling season, occupied facilities will be maintained at a temperature of 78 °F (26 °C) and unoccupied facilities at a cooling set-up temperature of 85 °F (30 °C).

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