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MEMORANDUM FOR All Units and Organizations with the USAG Bavaria Footprint

SUBJECT: USAG Bavaria Policy Letter #9, Small Arms Room Ammunition

1. References:

- a. DA PAM 385-64, Ammunition and Explosives Safety Standards
- b. AE REG 385-64, Explosives Safety
- c. IMCOM REG 385-10, Safety Program

2. In accordance with referenced standards, the following policy applies to all arms room licenses issued through the USAG Bavaria Safety Office. This policy is consistent with Army policy that is intended to minimize unnecessary exposure to personnel and property. Storage of all Hazard Class/Division (HD) 1.4, 1.2.2 and 1.3 Ammunition and Explosive (AE) is preferred in ammunition holding areas (AHAs) or ammunition support activities (ASAs) points unless such use would adversely impact operations, or result in an unnecessary commitment of resources (for example, require unit personnel to provide 24-hour security or extended travel). In these instances an arms room license is appropriate. Convenience is not considered valid justification for storage.

3. Unit commanders are responsible for the proper storage and upkeep of their respective arms rooms. Unit commanders are also responsible to ensure arms room personnel are trained IAW DA PAM 385-64, figure 1-1. Prior to storing AE items in an arms room, unit commanders will submit a risk assessment provided by the Garrison Safety Office (GSO) that certifies the storage is based on operational necessity and safety considerations. At no time is it permissible to keep any HD AE greater than 1.4 without prior coordination and authorization from the Garrison Commander. Limited quantities of HD 1.3 and HD 1.2.2 may be stored with limited durations on a case by case basis with Garrison Commander approval. In accordance with DA PAM 384-64, para 5-2a(2), for arms rooms that contain only HD 1.4, the USAG Bavaria Chief of Safety is authorized to review all risk assessments and to approve arms room licenses and temporary storage of 1.4 items as listed below.

4. Ammunition stored in unit arms rooms will be classified as either operational ammunition or training ammunition and specially segregated IAW DA PAM 385-64, para 8-3f. Training ammunition may be kept no longer than 24 hours without Garrison Commander approval.

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a. Operational ammunition involves ammunition for wartime, contingency or peacetime operations in which consequences of the ammunition storage justify the risk of loss of personnel, equipment and resources. The qualifier “operational necessity” is intended to provide commanders the flexibility to ensure mission without a waste of resources.

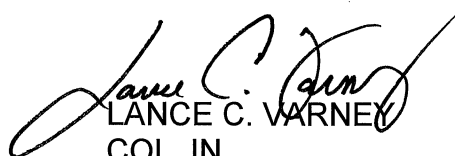
b. Training ammunition is defined as limited quantities of ammunition stored temporarily in a unit’s arms room to facilitate personnel training on ranges or in the field where receiving and returning ammunition from and to an ammunition holding area or supply point would delay the unit’s training adversely. Units that are conducting weapons qualification during inactive duty training may, when required, store limited quantities of HD 1.4 munitions inside an arms room for a limited period of time.

c. The term “limited quantities” is defined as the minimum amount of ammunition required to support operational missions (i.e., security guard forces, military police) or the immediate training requirements of the unit.

5. Before storing limited quantities of 1.4, 1.2.2, or 1.3 AE items in an arms room, units will conduct a risk assessment that is included in the arms room license package available from the GSO to justify the storage based on operational necessity and safety considerations. The unit commander will approve, sign, and send the assessment to the GSO and, if required the Garrison Commander. If an arms room has a risk level of more than 30 points, ammunition will not be stored there until the level of risk is reduced.

6. The GSO and fire department will be notified when an arms room is vacated of AE for indefinite periods, and when its use for storage of AE is initiated, resumed or cancelled. This includes temporary storage of AE items above what the room is licensed for and for temporary storage of AE not listed on the license. Contact the GSO at the following email group for the inspection checklist and arms rooms license package: USARMY Bavaria ID-Europe List Safety.

7. POC for this policy is the USAG Bavaria Chief of Safety, DSN 526-2303.


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