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SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS TO MILITARY URINALYSIS TESTING

1. REFERENCES:

A. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSTRUCTION 1010.16, "TECHNICAL PROCEDURES FOR THE MILITARY DRUG ABUSE TESTING PROGRAM (MPDATP)," 10 OCTOBER 2012//

B. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PERSONNEL AND READINESS) MEMORANDUM, UPDATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DRUG TESTING PANEL, 25 OCTOBER 2013//

C. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PERSONNEL AND READINESS) MEMORANDUM, PROGRAM GUIDANCE - INCLUSION OF RANDOM SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS TO THE DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM DRUG PANEL,
1 NOVEMBER 2013//

D. AR 600-85, ARMY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM, RAPID ACTION REVISION (RAR), 28 DECEMBER 2012//

2. PER REFERENCE B, WITHIN THE NEXT 90 DAYS, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) WILL EXPAND MILITARY DRUG TESTING OF THE MORE COMMONLY-ABUSED SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS BEGINNING WITH SPICE AND BATH SALTS. THE CHEMICAL STRUCTURE OF SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS IS SIMILAR TO TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL (THC) AND PRODUCES A PSYCHOACTIVE RESPONSE IN THE HUMAN BRAIN LIKE THC. SOLDIERS WHO ARE USING SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTARILY SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR THEMSELVES IN A MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY ON A SELF-REFERRAL BASIS NOW. EXPANSION OF URINE TESTING FOR THESE DRUGS WILL BEGIN WITHIN THE NEXT 90 DAYS.

3. THE DOD AND ARMY POLICIES STATE THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT SELF-REFER FOR TREATMENT AND WHO SUBSEQUENTLY TEST POSITIVE FOR USE OF ILLEGAL OR UNAUTHORIZED SUBSTANCES MAY BE CONSIDERED IN VIOLATION OF THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE FOR DRUG MISUSE/ABUSE.

4. THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY BANNED USE AND POSSESSION OF ALL SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS IN FEBRUARY 2011 AND APPROVED ARMY DIRECTIVE 2012-14 (PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ANALOGUES)) IN MAY 2012 THAT INCLUDED BATH SALTS. THESE PROHIBITIONS WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE DECEMBER 2012 REVISION OF AR 600-85. PUBLIC LAW 112-144, SUBTITLE SYNTHETIC DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2012, INCLUDED NUMEROUS SYNTHETIC COMPOUNDS THAT ARE NOW SCHEDULE I CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

5. SOLDIERS SEEKING SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING CAN TALK TO THEIR DOCTOR, CHAIN OF COMMAND OR SELF-REFER TO THE ARMY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM (ASAP). THE ASAP STANDS

READY TO ASSIST SOLDIERS IF NEEDED.

6. IN ADDITION, MILITARY ONESOURCE HAS CONTRACTED CIVILIAN COUNSELORS THAT PROVIDE CONFIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT AND COUNSELING TO MILITARY PERSONNEL. MILITARY ONESOURCE CAN BE CONTACTED AT

1-800-342-9647, OR THROUGH THE WEB AT:

WWW.MILITARYONESOURCE.COM/MOS/ABOUT/COUNSELINGSERVICES.ASPX.

7. POINT OF CONTACT IS DR. LES MCFARLING, DIRECTOR, ARMY CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS, EMAIL LESLIE.H.MCFARLING.CIV@MAIL.MIL, DSN 671-7224/COM (703) 571-7224.

8. THIS MESSAGE WAS APPROVED BY THE DCS, G-1.

9. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.