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ARMY CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS
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4 December 2012

MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: Spice Ban and Interim Procedure for Spice Testing

1. Purpose: To provide background information on synthetic cannabinoids (spice) and other tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) substitutes that have no known application other than mimicking the effects of THC in the human body and to establish an Army-wide policy regarding these analogues/homologues and outlining the Army's interim procedure for the Special Drug Test Requests for Spice Testing. **This information does NOT apply to other Special Drug Test Requests.**

2. Prohibited Substances Policy:

a. Public Law 112-114 was enacted by the Congress and signed by President Obama on 9 July 2012. Subtitle D--Synthetic Drug Abuse Prevention Act of 2012 is part of the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act. The act places synthetic substances including cannabimimetic agents (such as Spice), mephedrone, MDPV (commonly found in Bath Salts), and synthetic psychedelics (such as 2C-T-7 or 2C-I) on Schedule 1 in the Controlled Substances Act (21 USC Section 801).

b. Army Directive 2012-14: Army personnel are prohibited from using, possessing, manufacturing, selling, distributing, importing into or exporting from the United States any controlled substance analogue. This includes, but is not limited to, synthetic cannabis (also known as "spice"), or similar substances containing any THC substitute or any synthetic cannabinoids without proper authorization.

c. Army personnel may not introduce these substances into any installation, vessel, vehicle or aircraft used by or under the control of the Army without proper authorization. This policy is punitive, and violations of its provisions may result in punitive actions against Service members. These prohibitions will be included in the next revision of AR 600-85, Army Substance Abuse Program and such other regulations as required.

d. This policy does not apply to alcohol, caffeine, tobacco or lawfully used prescription or over-the-counter medications, nor does it prohibit the lawful use of traditional "bath salt" or "epsom salt" products.

3. Recommended Command considerations for dealing with Spice:

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a. Frequent random testing along with health and welfare inspections is the best strategy to deter drug use. Based on the Army Directive 2012-14 dated 29 May 2012, there would be no reason to test a Soldier if found possessing/using Spice. The commander should be informed of this policy and work with supporting SJA to pursue UCJM procedure if appropriate.

b. Allegations of use/possession of synthetic cannabinoids should be handled in a manner consistent with allegation of use/possession of other controlled substances.

4. Currently, spice testing is not available as a routine, probable cause, command directed or rehabilitation test for Soldiers. Only CID can request a spice test as part of an active investigation.

5. Spice Testing Procedure by CID:

a. CID can order a Spice test if applicable for the commander as a piece of forensic evidence through the Armed Forces Medical Examiner Systems (AFMES). The Commander should contact CID to determine if evidence exists to open an investigation. The sample should be collected without delay under Chain of Custody using AFMES Toxicological Request Form 1323 and should be submitted with the accompanying case ID number assigned by CID.

b. This form may be found at http://www.afmes.mil/assets/docs/tox_request.pdf or http://www.acsap.army.mil/drug_testing/AFMES_Form_1323.pdf. The CID case file number must be listed on the AFMES Form 1323.

c. CID or the UPL will collect the urine sample, as soon as possible, as per CID instructions and guidance. The metabolites found in the urine sample indicating Spice use are very delicate and may be degraded if delayed. Urine specimens submitted for Spice testing will ONLY be tested for spice substances.

d. CID will have to process the specimen for testing like any other piece of evidence and ship it to:

DIVISION OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY
ARMED FORCES MEDICAL EXAMINER SYSTEM
BLDG 115 PURPLE HEART DRIVE
DOVER AFB, DE 19902
Phone: (302) 346-8724 DSN: 366-8724
Fax: (302) 346-8822
(Note: Weekend deliveries are not accepted)

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6. Results will be reported from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System (AFMES) to the commander.

7. Point of contact is the Drug Testing Branch at (502) 626-2493/2495/2496/2491/2492/2515 (DSN 536-xxxx) or e-mail: usarmy.knox.hqda-dcs-g-1.list.acsap-drug-testing-branch@mail.mil.

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AFMES/ DIVISION OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY - TOXICOLOGICAL REQUEST FORM

TO:

Division of Forensic Toxicology
 Armed Forces Medical Examiner System
 Building 115 Purple Heart Drive
 Dover AFB, DE 19902

****WEEKEND DELIVERIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED****

FORWARD FINAL REPORT TO: (Please use complete mailing address)

Email Address:

NAME OF PATIENT (<i>Last, First, MI</i>)	SOCIAL SECURITY #	AGE	SEX	RACE

DATE OF INCIDENT/ ACCIDENT	TIME AND DATE OF DEATH	AUTOPSY #

MEDICATION HISTORY (*Prescribed or administered, in patient's possession, containers found near body, etc.*)

SPECIMEN/ AMOUNT	SPECIMEN/ AMOUNT	SPECIMEN/ AMOUNT
1.	5.	9.
2.	6.	10.
3.	7.	11.
4.	8.	12.

INCIDENT/ ACCIDENT DETAILS (*Include pertinent information regarding crash site, autopsy or investigation; (e.g., What happened?)*)

PRINTED NAME OF REQUESTER/ TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE	TELEPHONE #:
			COMM: DSN: FAX:

CHAIN OF CUSTODY (CC)

Each individual charged with custody of specimens must complete information below (continue CC on reverse as required).

RELEASED BY	RECEIVED BY	DATE & TIME	PURPOSE OF TRANSFER
SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE		
PRINTED NAME	PRINTED NAME		
SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE		
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AFMES FORM 1323, NOV 2011 PREVIOUS EDITIONS OBSOLETE.