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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Procurement of Ruminant Products from Overseas Origin

- References:
- (a) Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 5136.01, "Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA))," September 30, 2013, as amended August 10, 2017
 - (b) DoD Directive 5136.13, "Defense Health Agency (DHA)," September 30, 2013, as amended September 12, 2023
 - (c) Deputy Secretary of Defense Action Memo, "Transition of Executive Agent Responsibilities to the Defense Health Agency," May 27, 2014¹
 - (d) DHA-Procedural Instruction 5025.01, "Publication System," August 24, 2018
 - (e) Army Regulation 40-657/Naval Supply Systems Command 4355.4H/MCO 10110.31H, "Veterinary/Medical Food Safety, Quality Assurance, and Laboratory Service," January 21, 2005
 - (f) DoD Directive 6400.04E, "DoD Veterinary Public and Animal Health Services," June 27, 2013, as amended August 29, 2017
 - (g) U.S. Army Medical Command Circular 40-1, "Worldwide Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments for Armed Forces Procurement," November 1, 2018, current version
 - (h) United States Department of Agriculture Website, "Import and Export Library"²
 - (i) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9, Part 92 and 94

This Defense Health Agency Interim Procedures Memorandum (DHA-IPM), based on the authority of References (a), (b), and (c), and in accordance with References (e) through (i), establishes the DHA's procedures to authorize the procurement of all ruminant meat (beef, sheep, goat, bison, etc.) and edible products from ruminants of overseas origin.

This DHA-IPM applies to the DHA Enterprise (components and activities under the authority, direction, and control of the DHA) and the Geographic Combatant Commands, Department of Defense (DoD) Procurement Agencies, and U.S. Army Veterinary Services personnel.

DoD procurement of ruminant meat and meat products will align with current U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) restrictions and residual risk mitigation measures for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in accordance with the most current edition of Reference (i). Overseas procurement of ruminant

¹ This reference can be found at <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-751547>.

² This reference can be found at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/import-export>.

meat and meat products by DoD will be limited to source listed in Reference (h) as a negligible or controlled risk for BSE.

Veterinary Service Food Protection Audits will verify the sanitary conditions of the manufacturing plant are equivalent to USDA APHIS sanitary requirements. Personnel from the U.S. Army Veterinary Services will coordinate the inspection systems necessary to ensure required public health lot certification and traceability of subject product at receipt.

The final processor and any subcontractors supplying ruminant meat products to the primary contractor must be audited and listed in Reference (g) in accordance with References (e) and (f).

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