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SUBJ: DOD INSTRUMENT FLIGHT PROCEDURES POLICY (PASS TO ALL AVIATION  
ACTIVITIES)

REFERENCES:

- A. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MEMORANDUM, 7 JUN 96, SUBJECT: DOD  
INSTRUMENT FLIGHT PROCEDURES.
- B. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MEMORANDUM, 21 JUN 96, SUBJECT: DOD  
INSTRUMENT FLIGHT PROCEDURES.
- C. MSG DIRUSAASA, 271236Z JUN 96, SUBJECT: DOD INSTRUMENT FLIGHT  
PROCEDURES.
- D. MSG DIRUSAASA, 061900Z AUG 96, SUBJECT: AMPLIFICATION OF DOD  
INSTRUMENT FLIGHT PROCEDURES.
- E. MSG, JOINT STAFF, WASHINGTON DC, J38, DTG 231720Z APR 97,  
SUBJECT: DOD INSTRUMENT FLIGHT PROCEDURES.

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F. MSG HQDA WASHINGTON DC, DAMO FDV, DTG 181800Z APR 97, SUBJECT:  
DOD INSTRUMENT FLIGHT PROCEDURES UPDATE.

G. USAAVNC MEMORANDUM, 12 JUL 01, SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT FOR  
AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE THE AIRCRAFT GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM  
(GPS) FOR EMERGENCY USE WHEN OPERATING UNDER INADVERTENT INSTRUMENT  
METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS (IIMC).

H. AR 95-1, PARA,5-5A(2), AVIATION FLIGHT REGULATIONS, DATED 1 SEP  
97.

1. IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT SOME ARMY AVIATION UNITS ARE  
DEVELOPING GPS INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN  
APPROVED BY THE VALIDATING AUTHORITY FOR THE U.S. ARMY. THE U.S.  
ARMY AERONAUTICAL SERVICES AGENCY (USAASA) IS THE ONLY VALIDATING  
AUTHORITY FOR U.S. ARMY INSTRUMENT APPROACHES USED BY U.S. ARMY  
AIRCRAFT.

2. IAW REFERENCES A THROUGH D, AIRCREWS FLYING MILITARY PASSENGER  
AND TROOP CARRYING AIRCRAFT WILL NOT FLY A NON-US GOVERNMENT  
(NON-USG) INSTRUMENT APPROACH THAT HAS NOT BEEN VALIDATED AS SAFE  
AND ACCURATE BY THE FAA OR APPROPRIATE U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITY (ARMY  
- USAASA). THE FAA AND U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE THE ONLY ONES  
THAT ARE AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH USG APPROACHES AND VALIDATE NON-USG

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APPROACHES.

3. THE U.S. ARMY IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT ITS AIRCREWS ARE TRAINED IN THE PROPER USE OF INSTRUMENT APPROACHES. THIS INCLUDES ENSURING THAT AIRCREWS FLY AN APPROACH ONLY IF THEY HAVE THE NECESSARY COCKPIT INSTRUMENTATION FOR THE SPECIFIC APPROACH. THE APPROPRIATE NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT IN THE AIRCRAFT THAT IS REQUIRED TO EXECUTE THE APPROACH MUST HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED FOR IFR BY AMCOM OR THE FAA.

4. IAW REF E AND F, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ESTABLISHED LIMITED WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR URGENT REQUIREMENTS TO FLY SHORT NOTICE HUMANITARIAN, CONTINGENCY, MEDEVAC, "SPECIAL ACCESS" AND URGENT STATE DEPARTMENT MISSIONS. THE O-8 OR HIGHER FLAG OFFICER IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR MISSION RISK ASSESSMENT MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR TERMINAL INSTRUMENT PROCEDURES REVIEW FOR THOSE URGENT MISSIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE. WHEN REVIEWS ARE WAIVED THE NMCC MUST BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY.

5. THE WAIVER AUTHORITY ONLY PERTAINS TO NON USG INSTRUMENT PROCEDURES. ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SECDEF POLICY REMAIN IN EFFECT. THE DEVELOPMENT OF DOD INSTRUMENT PROCEDURES RESTS WITH THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE TERPS ORGANIZATIONS. THE USE OF UNAUTHORIZED PROCEDURES CAN INCREASE THE ARMY'S LIABILITY.

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6. IAW REF G, DES HAS DEVELOPED AND ESTABLISHED THE REQUIRED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR STANDARDIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF IIMC RECOVERY AND FORWARDED TO USAVNC, DOTDS. USAASA COORDINATES WITH MACOMS TO ENSURE PROCEDURES COMPLY WITH ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE ONLY IIMC PROCEDURES APPROVED FOR USE ARE AT KANDAHAR.

7. ARMY COMMANDS THAT HAVE A REQUIREMENT FOR IIMC PROCEDURES MUST FORWARD THEIR REQUESTS THROUGH COMMAND CHANNELS TO HQ, USAASA OR USAASD-E AS APPROPRIATE. REQUESTS WILL BE PRIORITIZED BASED ON MISSION PRIORITIES.

8. WE REALIZE THAT IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AIRCREWS MUST SELECT THE COURSE OF ACTION DEEMED MOST LIKELY TO RESULT IN THE SAFE RECOVERY OF THE AIRCRAFT. THIS DOESN'T HOWEVER, AUTHORIZE COMMANDERS TO PUBLISH IIMC PROCEDURES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS.

9. THIS IS A COORDINATED USAASA/DES MESSAGE.

10. POC FOR THIS ACTION IS MR. WALTER PERRON, HQ, USAASA, DSN 656-4410.

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