



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR VICE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY

SUBJECT: Additional Temporary Slowing and Future Resumption of Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP)

Faced with the continued delay in the availability of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released anthrax vaccine, we must further reduce consumption of vaccine until additional FDA-released anthrax vaccine becomes available. Effective immediately, the Deputy Secretary of Defense has directed that the area of execution as defined in the July 17, 2000 DEPSECDEF memorandum, subject: Temporary Slowing and Further Reduction of Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP), is redefined from Southwest Asia and Korea to **only Southwest Asia** (Boots-on-Ground SWA Plus Option). All other slowdown criteria directed in the July 17, 2000 policy remain in effect. This policy has been coordinated with the Joint Staff, applicable CINCs, and the SECDEF.

Request you notify the other Services' AVIP Senior Military Officials of this decision, and direct Services implementation through execution messages as soon as possible to enable the earliest implementation.

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