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MEMORANDUM FOR Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, 105 Army Pentagon Washington, DC 20310

SUBJECT: Request for Exception to Policy to Publish ALARACT Modifying Wear of Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU)

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 25-50, Managing Correspondence, 3 June 2002.
- b. Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 3 February 2005.

2. Request authority to publish an ALARACT Message reference uniform appearance. This message will limit the wear of running shoes to those that accommodate all five toes in one compartment. Those that feature five separate, individual compartments for the toes, detract from a professional military image. The message will prohibit those type shoes for wear in the Improved Physical Fitness Uniform or when conducting physical training in military formation.

3. This request is based on the requirements outlined in paragraph 2-3(2), AR 25-50. Based on the recommendation of the Sergeant Major of the Army and his senior CSM Board, the spread of use of these shoes necessitates immediate release of the message in lieu of awaiting publication of the ongoing major revision of AR 670-1.

4. Discussions with the Director, Army Publications Directorate resulted in this course of action to satisfy the need for quick resolution.

5. POC for this action is SGM Tom Gills, Army G-1 SGM, at (703) 697-8764 or [thomas.gills@us.army.mil](mailto:thomas.gills@us.army.mil).

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