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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Prohibited Controlled Substances and Analogues, "Spice" and their Variations,  
CG Policy Memo 16-17

1. References.

- a. Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 U.S.C. 801, et seq.
- b. Manual for Courts-Martial (2012)
- c. DoD Instruction 1010.4, Problematic Substance Use by DoD Personnel, 20 February 2014.
- d. AR 600-85, The Army Substance Abuse Program, 11 March 2014.
- e. DoDI 1332.14, Enlisted Administrative Separation, 27 January 2014, incorporating Change 1, 4 December 2014.
- f. Honorable John M. McHugh, Secretary of the Army, Memorandum, Subject: Army Directive 2012-07 (Administrative Processing for, Separation of Soldiers for Alcohol or Other Drug Abuse) (13 March 2012).

2. Applicability. This policy is applicable to all Active Army, Army National Guard of the United States when in Title 10 status, and U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers assigned, attached, or otherwise stationed at Fort Sill as well as other Fort Sill tenant service members and units. This policy is punitive and violations of the provisions of this policy (paragraph 4 below) may result in punitive disciplinary actions under Article 92, UCMJ, or other adverse administrative actions against service members. This policy does not apply to alcohol, caffeine, tobacco or lawfully-obtained and lawfully-used prescription medications, nor does it prohibit the lawful use of traditional "bath salts" products.

3. Background. There is an Army-wide policy prohibiting the use of illicit controlled substance analogues. An example of a controlled substance analogue is synthetic cannabis and other tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) substitutes that have no known

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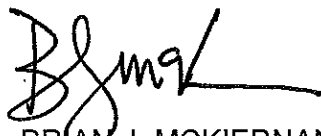
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application other than mimicking the effects of THC in the human body. Numerous synthetic THC substitutes are now available on the open market in many states. Synthetic cannabis and THC substitutes are used in drugs such as "Spice," which is designed and sold solely to be used as a means to produce excitement, intoxication, and/or stupefaction of the central nervous system. Synthetic cannabis and THC substitutes are so closely related to THC as to make it obvious that synthetic cannabis and THC substitutes will have the same potential as THC for abuse and a detrimental effect on the health, safety, and readiness of our Soldiers. Synthetic cannabis and THC substitutes have substantial capabilities of creating hazards to the mission of the Army, the health of the user, and to the safety of the Fort Sill community.

4. Prohibition. Pursuant to my authority as the General Court-Martial Convening Authority, all personnel listed in paragraph 2 are prohibited from, without proper authorization, using, possessing, manufacturing, selling, distributing, importing into or exporting from the United States, or introducing into any installation, vessel, vehicle, or aircraft used by or under the control of the U.S. Army at Fort Sill: any controlled substance analogue or homologue. This includes, but is not limited to, mephedrone, methylenedioxyrovalerone, "Spice" or similar substances containing synthetic cannabis, any THC substitutes, or any synthetic cannabinoid. This policy remains in effect until rescinded or superseded.

5. This policy memorandum supersedes CG Policy Memorandum, Subject: Prohibited Controlled Substances and Analogues, "Spice" and their Variations, CG Policy Memo 14-17 (17 September 2014).

6. The point of contact for this memorandum is the Chief of Military Justice, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, at 442-1765.



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