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To: Customs Brokers, Terminal Operators, Vessel Agents, Airlines, Importers, Freight Forwarders, Carriers, Partner Government Agencies, and Others Concerned

SUBJECT: Importation of ammunition and artillery shells at Dover Air Force Base

The Department of Defense (DOD) policies and Alcohol, Tabaco and Firearms (ATF) laws apply to any and all importations of ammunition and artillery shells. In order for a component not to be regulated as “ammunition,” the importer must first render it useless as ammunition or obtain an approved ATF Form 6 prior to importation.

In accordance with Part V, Chapter 502, Section H of the Department of Defense Transportation Regulation, all DOD sponsored personnel are prohibited from importing ammunition without an approved ATF Form 6 prior to importation. Further, Part V defines ammunition as: ammunition or cartridge cases, primers, bullets, or propellant powder designed for use in any firearm other than an antique firearm. The terminology does not include any shot or pellet designed for use other than as a single, complete projectile load for one shotgun hull or casing, or any unloaded, non-metallic shotgun hull or casing not having a primer.

Similarly, the ATF, under 18 USC Section 921(a) (17)(A), defines ammunition as: ammunition, or cartridge cases, primers, bullets [projectiles], or propellant powder designed for use in any firearm. Not only the complete loaded round; but also each individual component part is “ammunition” as defined.

The DD 603 (WAR SOUVENIR REGISTRATION/AUTHORIZATION) is the form that the unit provides to DOD personnel to return “implements of war” obtained from within the Theatre of Foreign Conflict. However, both the ATF and the Department of Defense Transportation Regulation prohibit the importation of ammunition and weapons without ATF Form 6.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Port Director Ronald Krempa at (302) 326-0600 ext 101.

Respectfully,

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