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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

Subject: Army Engineering Support Activity (ESA) Position on the Safety of Sanitizing Treatments for Parachute and Aerial Delivery Equipment Textiles

1. As the ESA for all Army parachute and aerial delivery related equipment, the Aerial Delivery Engineering Support Team (ADEST) does not authorize the exposure of any of its textiles to cleaning, disinfecting and/or sanitizing chemicals that may be used in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19, other viruses or microbes. Currently, there are no approved procedures of these types that have been tested, evaluated, and demonstrated as safe for use on critical safety materials such as parachute textiles.

2. Manufacturers and military aerial delivery personnel and cargo parachute pack, storage and maintenance facilities are understandably very interested in keeping their facilities clean and sanitized, to prevent the spread of any virus or other pathogen among personnel. If any cleaning, disinfecting or sanitizing processes are undertaken, all textiles shall be kept isolated and/or covered to protect from exposure to the chemical treatment. These chemical treatments include localized applications, such as hand spray and wipe techniques, as well as larger application systems such as whole room or building electrostatic sprayers, atomizers, and foggers. It may be necessary to discuss best practices with the chemical or system supplier beforehand to determine the most effective way to protect textiles and equipment from exposure.

3. This directive applies to all National Stock Numbers under Federal Supply Class 1670 that are controlled by Army ESA CAGE code 81337 for all drawings and part numbers. This encompasses all fielded and related aerial delivery parachute equipment and assemblies, both systems and spare parts, to include the textile materials used during any stage of manufacture

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