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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Exception to Policy for Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS) Master Trainer (MT) Qualification

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 95-1 (Flight Regulations), 22 March 2018
- b. Individual Critical Task List, 15W Additional Skill Identifier (ASI) U7 Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Instructor Operator (IO)
- c. Individual Critical Task List, 15C ASI U7 UAS IO
- d. Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) Executive Order (EXORD) 178-24 Army Continuous Transformation – Tactical Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), 27 March 2024
- e. Training Circular 3-04.62, SUAS Aircrew Training Program, August 2013

2. To facilitate the execution of guidance across the force for SUAS experimentation established in reference (d) and the generation of SUAS training capacity in Aviation Center of Excellence (ACoE) institutional training courses, ACoE may waive paragraph D-9 a. requirements from reference (a) to add Department of the Army (DA) approved UAS IO courses as a SUAS MT qualification source. This waiver applies to all graduates of ACoE UAS IO courses who comply with the other requirements established by reference (a) and (e) to include Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 150U that previously held the U7 ASI and remains in effect until superseded by later guidance.

3. Leveraging UAS IOs to integrate, manage, and support SUAS training offers an opportunity to expand BCT SUAS training and experimentation without consuming additional Army resources. UAS IO courses provide training for instruction and evaluation of UAS academic topics and performance tasks to a greater degree than the SUAS MT course. UAS IOs manage more complex aircrew training program (ATP) requirements than those SUAS programs documented in reference (a) and (e). UAS IOs, as dedicated UAS operators, also have significantly more exposure and experience in UAS operations with significantly more complex systems than those nesting in SUAS categories.

4. Graduates of ACoE approved IO courses may serve as SUAS MTs if they complete a validation by a current and qualified MT according to the evaluation sequence described in

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reference (e) chapter 3 and meet all other SUAS training requirements from reference (a) and (e), including:

a. Qualification, training, evaluation, currency, and medical requirements established in reference (a) paragraph D-2.

b. Currency requirements specified in reference (a) paragraph D-4 and reference (e).

c. Semi-annual proficiency and readiness tests specified in reference (a) paragraph D-5 and reference (e) chapter 3.

d. All other MT related appointment, currency, qualification, and mission-level progression requirements specified in reference (a) paragraph D-9 and reference (e).

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