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FROM: SAF/IAPX  
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SUBJECT: Interim Security Assistance Management Manual (SAMM) Change - Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Review Policy for Explosive and Fuses (SAF/IAPX - 02047)

- References: (a) Interim Security Assistance Management Manual (SAMM) Change - CORRECTION to Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Review Policy for Explosives (DSCA 02-40)
- (b) Interim Security Assistance Management Manual (SAMM) Change - Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Review Policy for Fuses (DSCA 02-39)

This policy memorandum alerts the Air Force Security Cooperation Community of changes to the Security Assistance Management Manual (SAMM) concerning the Missile Technology Control Regime Review policy.

The following DSCA initiated change (ref a) has been made to section 50004.D concerning policy associated with MTCR explosives:

New paragraph 50004.D2:

“2. The reviewer must report the compounds listed in Item 4 of the MTCR Annex if they are to be exported in bulk as an input for a manufacturing process, or in any other manner or form that might support the creation of a propellant for a missile or a UAV. However, the reviewer is NOT to report Item 4 explosive compounds if they are molded or poured into a form that precludes their use as rocket propellant (e.g.: as a bursting, propelling or gas-generating charge in a shell, cartridge, squib or actuator).”

RATIONALE: Improves clarity of previous paragraph.

The following DSCA initiated change (ref b) has been made to section 50004.D concerning policy associated with MTCR fuses:

New paragraph 50004.D3:

“3. The reviewer is NOT to report as a possible MTCR-controlled item any common type munition fuse, even though all such fuses meet the criteria of Item 2.A.1.f in the MTCR Annex (i.e., “weapon or warhead safing, arming, fusing and firing mechanisms.”). If the fuse in question is an unusual type, a rough equivalent of which is not likely to be found in most foreign arsenals, or if the fuse uses sophisticated means to determine burst height (e.g., radar), the reviewer should report it.”

**RATIONALE:** The MTCR is only concerned with fuses that are useful in a long-range missile or Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and are armed with a nuclear warhead. As such, nuclear warheads are equipped with peculiar and sophisticated fuses. Common ammunition items and their fuses can be assumed to pose **NO MTCR** concern.

Note: Paragraph 50004.D3 and subsequent paragraphs will be renumbered.

Air Force personnel implementing DoD MTCR review policy should ensure they understand and comply with the above changes to the SAMM. If you have any questions concerning these policies, please contact Ms. Sandy Harding, SAF/IAPX, (703) 588-8974, DSN: 425-8974 or e-mail: [sandy.harding@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:sandy.harding@pentagon.af.mil).

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