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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Japan (USARJ) Policy Governing the Use of Small-Unmanned Aircraft Systems (s-UAS) and Counter Small-Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Cs-UAS)

1. References:

- a. CDRUSFJ, Small-Unmanned Aircraft Systems (s-UAS) Counter Measures, February 2019 (S).
- b. Army Policy for Unmanned Aircraft Systems on Army Installations, 1 August 2017.
- c. Commander USFJ, Implementation of Procedures and Processes for Public Drone Requests, 6 August 2019.
- d. SUBJ/USINDOPACOM Critical Infrastructure Protection Advisory 19-003 122235Z March 2019.
- e. SUBJ/USINDOPACOM Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (s-UAS) Reporting 130229Z March 2019.
- f. CJCSI 3121.01B, Standing Rules of Engagement (SROE)/Standing Rules for the Use of Force for US Forces, 13 June 2005.
- g. Deputy Secretary of Defense, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities, 23 May 2018.
- h. Deputy Secretary of Defense, Delegation of Authority to Approve Exemptions for Using Commercial-Off-The-Shelf Unmanned Aerial Systems in Support of Urgent Needs, 1 June 2018.

2. Purpose: This memorandum explains and applies command guidance governing the use of s-UAS and Cs-UAS on U.S. Army installations in Japan. The use of s-UAS and Cs-UAS systems and the reporting of s-UAS incidents will follow this policy and higher command directives and requirements. Commanders should become familiar with the

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references above, including classified guidance on the topic available in references 1a and 1f.

3. Cs-UAS Systems, Operations, and Authorities: Unit commanders always retain the inherent right and obligation to exercise unit self-defense in response to a hostile act or demonstrated hostile intent. This includes authorization to conduct Cs-UAS operations in accordance with current authorities (Reference 1a and 1f other classified authorities). The points of contact (POCs) in paragraph 10 should be consulted concerning the latest information available on Cs-UAS systems, operations, and authorities.

4. On-Base s-UAS Flight Restrictions: There is a s-UAS incursion problem in and around U.S. military installations in Japan. The use of s-UAS on or over U.S. military installations is strictly controlled by command directives and governing regulations. No s-UAS use is permitted on or over U.S. military installations unless the activity has been approved by the installation commander.

5. Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTs) s-UAS. Due to the intelligence gathering threat posed by COTs s-UAS on or over U.S. military installations, any use of a COTS s-UAS on or over U.S. military installations requires approval by the Under Secretary of Defense (references 1g and 1h). All requests for COTs s-UAS exemptions or authorities for Cs-UAS by U.S. Army commands in Japan will be routed through the G3 and the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate prior to my consideration.

6. Off-Base s-UAS Flight Regulation: The operation of s-UAS outside the perimeter of U.S. military bases is regulated by Japanese law. The flight of a s-UAS may be prohibited by Japanese law depending on the area and the manner of flight. All Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) members should refrain from flying s-UAS off the installation unless they confirm with Japanese authorities that the area they plan to fly a s-UAS is authorized for flight. Supporting command Legal Offices should be consulted concerning questions.

7. The Approval Process for Off-Base Persons to Request on Base s-UAS Flight: People or organizations residing off-base who desire to operate a s-UAS on or over a U.S. facility must comply with references 1b and 1c. Essentially, an application may be submitted to an installation commander requesting permission to fly a s-UAS on or over the installation. Installation commanders will ensure a thorough analysis of the likely threat of the operation of the s-UAS is completed and reference 1g and 1h are complied with prior to approval.

8. Host Nation Coordination and Self-Defense: Each installation will coordinate with the Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) and local Japanese law enforcement

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departments to develop notification and response procedures for s-UAS flights over or near a U.S. facility.

9. Reporting Requirements for s-UAS Incursions or Incidents: The United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) Commander's Critical Information C-s-UAS Reporting Requirements require reporting s-UAS incursion activities, including remote controlled fixed wing aircraft incidents (Reference 1e). A reporting requirement also applies if Cs-UAS activities are conducted within the INDOPACOM area of responsibility (AOR). Commands are to report the requested information including: incident date and time, military grid reference system location description, report POC, description of event, flight details (i.e., number of flights), s-UAS device details (camera, other payload or sensor, other), impact and external coordination/communication within USINDOPACOM, USFJ, and Army commands.

10. Public Notice: Installation Commanders will post a copy of this policy in publically available locations and on command websites. This information shall also be provided to Soldiers and dependents during in-processing.

11. Duration: This implementation guidance is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded or cancelled.

12. Point of Contact: Questions concerning this policy should be directed to USARJ, G-3 Protection Cell at DSN: 262-8177 and the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at DSN: 262-4574.


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