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SUBJ: ALARACT 029/2010 - BODY ARMOR PLATE LABELS

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ON BEHALF OF DA WASHINGTON DC //DALO-SU// FOR THE HQDA G-4

SUBJECT: BODY ARMOR PLATE LABELS

REFERENCES:

- A. TM 10-8400-203-23 GENERAL REPAIR PROCEDURES FOR INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT, DATED 7 MAY 1990
- B. ALARACT 109/2009 INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT OF ESAPI AND ESBI USED IN IOTV
- C. TACOM LCMC MAM #09-005 MAINTENANCE ADVISORY (MA) MESSAGE, TACOM CONTROL NO. MAM-09-005, INSPECTION OF THE ENHANCED SMALL ARMS PROTECTIVE INSERT (ESAPI)/ENHANCED SIDE BALLISTIC INSERT (ESBI), USED ON IMPROVED OUTER TACTICAL VEST (IOTV)
1. (U) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PRESCRIBE THE POSITIONING OF THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CHECKS AND SERVICES (PMCS) LABEL ON BODY ARMOR PLATES. BODY ARMOR PLATES INCLUDE: SMALL ARMS PROTECTIVE INSERT (SAPI), ENHANCED SMALL ARMS PROTECTIVE INSERT (ESAPI), 7.62 SMALL ARMS PROTECTIVE INSERT (XSAPI), AND ENHANCED SIDE BALLISTIC INSERT (ESBI).
2. (U) IN EFFORTS TO REINFORCE PROPER PMCS AND CLEANING PROCEDURES FOR BODY ARMOR PLATES, THE PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE (PEO)-SOLDIER HAS DEVELOPED A LABEL THAT CAN BE AFFIXED TO THE BODY ARMOR THAT PRESCRIBES THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN REFERENCES B AND C.
3. (U) THE LABELS WILL BE PURCHASED BY PEO-SOLDIER AND THE ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT CENTRAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE (CMO) WILL DISTRIBUTE THE LABELS DIRECTLY TO ALL NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING EQUIPMENT (NDTE) LOCATIONS AND CENTRAL ISSUE FACILITIES (CIFS) WORLDWIDE WHERE THE LABELS WILL BE AFFIXED TO THE PLATES BY THE NDTE CONTRACTORS AND CIF MANAGERS.
4. (U) PRIOR TO AFFIXING THE LABEL, THE SURFACE MUST BE CLEAN. HAND CLEANING PROCEDURES FOR BODY ARMOR PLATES ARE AS FOLLOWS: A. REMOVE LOOSE DIRT AND LINT FROM THE OUTER SURFACE OF THE XSAPI/ESAPI/ESBI USING A CLOTH OR SOFT BRISTLE BRUSH. (NEVER USE A STIFF BRISTLE BRUSH.) B. WET THE XSAPI/ESAPI/ESBI IN A SINK OR SHOWER USING WARM, NOT HOT, WATER. C. APPLY A MILD DETERGENT TO THE SOILED AREAS AND SCRUB WITH A CLOTH OR SOFT BRISTLE BRUSH. BADLY SOILED AREAS MAY BE SCRUBBED WITH HAND SOAP. SCRUB ONLY LONG ENOUGH TO REMOVE SOIL. D. HEAVY GREASE/OIL STAINS MAY BE PRE-SPOTTED WITH A DRY CLEANING SOLVENT AND DETERGENT MIXTURE AND SCRUBBED WITH A SOFT BRUSH. E. RINSE THE XSAPI/ESAPI/ESBI WITH WARM WATER UNTIL ALL SUDS ARE COMPLETELY GONE. F. LET THE INSERT AIR DRY AWAY FROM HEAT OR OPEN FLAME. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY DEGRADE THE XSAPI/ESAPI/ESBI PERFORMANCE AGAINST BALLISTIC THREATS.

5. (U) THE LABEL FOR ESAPI AND XSAPI WILL BE PLACED BETWEEN THE "A" IN HANDLE AND THE "A" IN CARE, APPROXIMATELY 1/8 OF AN INCH BELOW THE STATEMENT "HANDLE WITH CARE".
6. (U) THE LABEL FOR ESBI WILL BE AFFIXED CENTER ON THE ESBI PLATE APPROXIMATELY 1/2 OF AN INCH ABOVE THE STATEMENT "STRIKE FACE".
7. (U) LABEL DELIVERIES WILL BEGIN IN THE 3RD QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2010.
8. (U) POINTS OF CONTACT ARE: MS. LILLIE VINSON, ARMY G-4, COMMERCIAL (703) 614-6725, DSN 224-6725, OR E-MAIL: LILLIE.P.VINSON@US.ARMY.MIL, MR. PHIL JACKSON, ARMY G-4, COMMERCIAL (703) 614-0927, DSN 224-0927, OR E-MAIL: PHILLIP.JACKSON1@US.ARMY.MIL, AND MR. PHIL MANUEL, PROJECT MANAGER SOLDIER PROTECTION AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT, COMMERCIAL (703) 704-4717, DSN 654-4717, OR E-MAIL: PHILIP.MANUEL@US.ARMY.MIL.
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