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GC POLICY #7

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Food Vendor Approval

1. REFERENCES.

a. Army Regulation (AR) 40-657, Veterinary/Medical Food Safety, Quality Assurance, and Laboratory Service, 21 January 2005

b. AR 40-5, Army Public Health Program, 12 May 2020

c. Technical Bulletin Medical (TB Med) 530, Tri-Service Food Code, 01 March 2019

d. Army Public Health Center (APHC) Cir 40-1, Worldwide Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments for Armed Forces Procurement, 04 December 2019

e. Fort Carson (FC) Regulation 525-2, Installation Protection Program, 01 November 2017

2. PURPOSE. This policy consolidates guidance and establishes local policy for the approval of food vendors for operation on Fort Carson, CO.

3. GUIDANCE.

a. Approval Processes. All food vendors operating on the Installation will receive approval for operation through one of the two following mechanisms.

(1) Standard Approval.

(a) The standard approval process begins with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), which sponsors the vendor's operation on and access to the Installation.

(b) Food vendors must complete a review through appropriate medical authorities and show satisfactory adherence to established guidelines.

(c) All approved vendors must submit to regular assessment by the Public Health Department, and unsatisfactory findings will result in the revocation of operational privileges.

(2) Special Approval.

(a) For events with 300 or more expected attendees, units or agencies wishing to use food vendors not approved through the standard process must follow procedures for a Special Event Vulnerability Assessment (SEVA) in order to gain approval from the Garrison Commander according to FC Regulation 525-2.

(b) For events with fewer than 300 expected attendees, units or agencies wishing to use food vendors not approved through the standard process must contact the medical authorities listed as points of contact in paragraph 4 for a vulnerability assessment, which will be submitted to the Garrison Commander for approval.

(c) This risk-based approval process constitutes a one-time approval, and the process must be repeated for each event.

b. Policy Violations.

(1) Vendors found operating in violation of the specified approval processes should be reported to the Fort Carson Police for cessation of operations and potential revocation of Installation access privileges.

(2) Approved vendors found unsatisfactory under the Tri-Service Food Code will be reported to the sponsoring agency for corrective action and potential revocation of Installation access privileges.

c. Unit/Agency Events. Due to the limited scope and potential public health impact, events involving the service of food are not subject to approval if they meet the following requirements. Attending Public Health Department food handler training and maintaining trained personnel on-site is recommended.

(1) The event is not open to the general public

(2) The event does not meet the requirements for a SEVA

(3) Food is prepared only by those attending the event (i.e. – a "potluck")

4. POINTS OF CONTACT.

a. Initial POC for food vendors wishing to pursue the standard approval process for continual Installation access: *AAFES at 719-576-2672*

b. Medical Authority for off-post commercial food facility audits and food defense vulnerability assessments: *Veterinary Branch-Carson at 719-524-4115 or 719-526-4354.*

c. Medical Authority for on-post food sanitation surveys and food handler training: *Environmental Health, Ft. Carson Department of Public Health, at 719-524-0730 or 719-526-3231 or usarmy.carson.medcom-each.list.env-health@mail.mil.*

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