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AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Other

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

The management of ammunition in certain theaters of operation does not meet the requirements of current ammunition management regulations (Chapter I - 1.6 pages 5-6 of the United Nations Ammunition Management Manual First edition January 2020 in English). This situation was observed during the liquidation of MINUSMA, where the ammunition inventory and classification were not up to date, and expired ammunition was still present in some stocks. This caused enormous difficulties for the team in charge of the ammunition transport and destruction operation.

CONTEXT:

Chapter 1-1.6 pages 5-6 of the United Nations munitions management manual first edition January 2020 in English:

1.6 Ammunition Management

Ammunition storage management remains a T/PCC responsibility. IATG 4.20 shall be followed for the implementation of temporary storage, ammunition processing and explosive safety. Military and police contingent commanders shall be responsible for maintaining ammunition records according to IATG 03.10 and 03.20, and at any given time shall have information available on the physical location of each ammunition type. Any loss of ammunition shall be recorded and reported in accordance to the United Nations SOP on Loss of Weapons and Ammunition 2009. T/PCCs shall certify that all ammunition deployed in support of national contingents is 'safe and suitable for service' and is subject to a surveillance and proof program fully in compliance with the requirements of IATG 07.20, Surveillance and Proof. The proof and surveillance compliance form of IATG 04.20, Annex C, shall be completed and distributed as indicated on the form.

While national templates may be used by T/PCCs, the United Nations ammunition registry at FHQ/PHQ level shall contain, at the minimum, the following data:

Ammunition:

- Associated Ammunition Category (Hazard Classification Code and Fire Division);
- United Nations number (provided by the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods);
- Type;
- Caliber;
- LOT and batch number;
- Shelf life (end date) of each LOT/batch (in the absence of the manufacturer's expiry date, T/PCCs shall provide the certification);
- Number of each type;
- Location;
- Purpose of Ammunition;
- Date and time of last (national) inspection before shipment;
- Date and time of production

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

It is proposed to introduce centralized digitization of ammunition management to improve inventory tracking. This initiative will make it possible to accurately determine the quantity, type, years of manufacture and expiry of different ammunition. In addition, a centralized database will facilitate inspections and the gradual elimination of expired ammunition.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

Refer to para 3. DETAILED PROPOSAL of this IP.