

# AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT – SHELF LIFE

## Sub-Working Group on Major Equipment

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Secretariat issue paper #26

Mandated Study: Revise the minimum shelf-life requirement at the time of deployment for ammunition with a manufacturer-specified shelf life of five years or less

### FOCAL POINTS

Burkina Faso, Rwanda, Indonesia, and Morocco

### SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The Sub-working group on Major Equipment reviewed and discussed the issue paper listed in this decision paper on Ammunition Management. Following this deliberation, the Sub-working Group agreed to proceed with the recommendations outlined in the subsequent paragraphs.

### PROPOSED TEXT FOR 2026 COE MANUAL

Add the text in bold and remove the text with a strikethrough in Chapter 3, annex A, p. 36, para 26 (c).

- (c) Ammunition and explosives that ~~become~~ expired in the mission area. **To be eligible, the Troop/police contributors are responsible, however, for deploying ammunition and explosives with a minimum of 50 per cent of their shelf life remaining and for storing them properly; the ammunition with five years or less original shelf-life must have a minimum of 60 per cent of remaining shelf-life upon deployment.**

Add the text in bold in Chapter 3, annex A, p. 36, para 27, first bullet point.

- Ammunition that has exceeded half of its shelf life, **or 40 per cent of its shelf life for ammunition with an original shelf life of five years or less**, as stated by the manufacturer shall not be accepted for deployment. An exemption/waiver can be given based upon an ammunition management policy statement (see International Ammunition Technical Guideline 03.10) or an equivalent statement by a national safety authority proving that the ammunition is supported by a technical surveillance and in-service proof programme (see International Ammunition Technical Guideline 07.20). Ammunition that has exceeded half of its shelf life, **or 40 per cent of its shelf life for ammunition with an original shelf life of five years or less**, when deployed and is lacking an ammunition management policy statement or equivalent statement, regardless of the reason of deployment needs, will not be reimbursed. Troop/police contributors are responsible for providing a manufacturer's certificate stating the production year and the estimated shelf life of the ammunition being deployed in the mission area. Troop/police contributors are further responsible for certifying that all ammunition deployed in support of national contingents is safe to deploy.

☐ Still Under Discussion

☐ Agreed by the sub-working group

☒ **AGREED BY WORKING GROUP ON 28/01/2026 AT 10:20 AM**

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