

# 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~~ ~~T~~roop/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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