



BUDDY FIRST AID KIT – NEW COMPOSITION AND REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Sub-Working Group on Medical

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FOCAL POINTS

BRAZIL, GERMANY, MOROCCO, CANADA, USA, JAPAN, GHANA, CZECH REPUBLIC, FRANCE, ITALY, INDIA

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

To amend the Buddy First Aid Kit (BFAK) items and increase the reimbursement rate in accordance with the Medical Support Manual for United Nations Field Missions protocols and overall cost.

The BFAK is an essential part of the personal equipment of deployed forces under the command of the UN. It provides items to immediately treat wounded soldiers in tactical and other emergency situations. The BFAK is the first element in the consecutive chain of medical field care. The BFAK enhances the number of wounded soldiers that reach the first lines of medical care in conditions that the rate of severely wounded personnel that can be rescued will increase. The use of BFAK increases the probability of survival. Therefore, the contents of the BFAK must be regularly reviewed and updated in accordance with developing medical emergency care standards. The BFAK itself must be light and shall only consist of essential items, in order to be wearable and applicable for deployed uniformed personnel.

PROPOSED TEXT FOR 2023 COE WG REPORT

The medical sub-working group agreed to amend the contents of the BFAK in accordance with the UN MARCH protocol. The changes made would ensure that the BFAK is light, more compact and aligns with the provision of first aid at the point of injury in field missions.

Still under discussion

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AGREED BY WORKING GROUP ON 26/01/2023

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PROPOSED TEXT FOR 2023 COE MANUAL

1. Amend Chapter 3, Annex C, Appendix 1 to include the new buddy first aid requirements and standards.
2. Amend Chapter 8, Annex B to add a new reimbursement rate of **\$3.27**
3. Amend Chapter 3, Annex C, Appendix 1.1 to:

Buddy first aid kit

<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
1	First aid pouch or box	1
2	Emergency pressure bandage	1
3	Field Dressing (small) ^a	2
4	Sterile gauze pads	10
5	S-Rolled Gauze (4.5 inches x 4.1 yards) ^a	1
6	Chest seal (set of 2 per pack) ^a	1
7	Adhesive tape (roll)	1
8	Pocket mask or face barrier to CPR ^b	1
9	2 Talon Nitrile gloves, medium or large ^a	2
10	1 Z-fold hemostatic gauze dressing, vacuum sealed ^a	1
11	Combat arterial tourniquet ^a	1
12	Emergency hypothermia blanket	1

Notes:

1. Replenishing used and expired items within buddy first aid kits is the responsibility of the troop/police contributing country.
2. Items are reimbursed under self-sustainment on the basis of one kit per troop/police contingent member/month.

^a Minor size and brand variations are allowed as long as the item serves the intended function.

^b Face barrier CPR is considered as an alternate item to Pocket Mask