

DENMARK

BUDDY FIRST AID KIT

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME: Medical

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND

Denmark suggest that P/TCC gives the opportunity to argue for the opportunity to replace UN Buddy First Aid Kit with a similar national Kit.

Arguments must be sent to Division of Health-Care Management and Occupational Safety and Health prior to MOU negotiation.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

In connection with COEWG 2020, it was decided to implement the Buddy First Aid Kit for all deployed P/TCCs. Denmark supports this decision, as the opportunity to provide fast and qualified first aid on the battlefield is important.

The decision has subsequently posed challenges, as Denmark has already developed our own Buddy First Aid Kit. This kit has been continuously developed since the beginning of 2000 in connection with our deployments in various conflict areas around the world.

Denmark assumes that other countries can have similarly developed concepts that live up to UN requirements for the possibility of a Buddy First Aid Kit

There are many similarities the UN and Danish Buddy First Aid Kit. If Denmark has to use the UN Buddy First Kit instead of our own, it will mean that we have to change our training concept when deploying to UN missions. In addition, the bag for the Danish Buddy First Kit is adapted to and integrated in our individual webbing. Again, Denmark assume that other countries can have similar issues.

Denmark therefore proposes that the UN Buddy First Aid Kit continue to be seen as the standard upon which is negotiated. But that P/TCC in connection with the MOU negotiation is given the opportunity to deviate from the UN Kit, if they can argue that their national set and education live up to the requirements and concept of the UN for individual first aid. This argument must be submitted to the Division of Health-Care Management and Occupational Safety and Health prior to MOU negotiation so that it can be included in the negotiation of Self Sustainment.

To illustrate the current Danish concept:

- Training is conducted in accordance with the Danish First Aid Council and international recommendations
- Instructors receive 18 days of training + regularly supplemental training to keep status as an instructor
- All soldiers receive 28 hours of basic first aid training
- All soldiers receive 24 hours additional mission specific training before deployment. This training is in compliance with US Standard Tactical Combat Casualty care for all service members
- All Danish military personnel regularly participate in supplemental status to maintain status

This proposal will be cost neutral for UN as it won't inflict on the Reimbursement Rate for Medical, Buddy First Aid Kit as Self Sustainment.

Reference: UN Document A/75/121 dated 31 August 2020, Chapter 3

4. PROPOSED MANUAL TEXT

Denmark proposes that the following sentence be added to Chapter 3, Annex C, 20.a

“Subject to the agreement of Secretariat medical experts, the mandatory requirement for this item may be modified”