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MEMORANDUM FOR DoD Drug Testing Program Managers; Chief, Drug Testing Branch Army Center for Substance Abuse Programs; Director, Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention; Marine Corps Drug/Alcohol Program Manager; Chief, Drug Chemistry Branch US Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory; Director, Drug Testing and Program Policy

SUBJECT: Armed Forces Medical Examiner Policy on Spice Testing

1. This memorandum will serve as the Division of Forensic Toxicology (DFT), Armed Forces Medical Examiner System (AFMES) policy for the testing of synthetic cannabinoids (aka Spice and Spice-like products).

2 . The AFMES will only test investigative cases for the synthetic cannabinoids. Investigative cases should be forwarded directly from the investigative agency, CID, NCIS, or AFOSI to the DFT, AFMES for testing. In order to qualify for testing the case must be coordinated in advance by an investigative agent and have an active investigation number (ROI #).

3. The requestor must also specify if additional toxicology testing is desired.

4. Investigators should send seized Spice material and trace evidence to the US Army Criminal Investigation laboratory (USACIL) for identification.

5. Please contact the undersigned at 301-319-0100 if there are any inquiries about this action.

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