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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMAND SURGEON, U.S. ARMY AFRICA
COMMAND SURGEON, U.S. NAVAL FORCES AFRICA
COMMAND SURGEON, U.S. AIR FORCES AFRICA
COMMAND SURGEON, U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES AFRICA
COMMAND SURGEON, SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
AFRICA
FORCE SURGEON, COMBINED - JOINT TASK FORCE -
HORN OF AFRICA

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority for Medical Waiver Pending Entry to U.S. Africa
Command Area of Operations

1. References: (a) U.S. Africa Combatant Commander Memorandum, subject: "Delegation of Authority – U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) Medical Waivers", 22 May 2014
(b) Under Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Memorandum, subject: "Policy Guidance for Medical Deferral Pending Deployment to Theaters of Operation", 9 February 2006
2. The purpose of this memorandum is to delegate authority for medical waiver to subordinate Command Surgeons for specified personnel pending entry to U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) Area of Operations (AO) IAW reference a.
3. Final medical waiver authority for entry into the USAFRICOM AO lies at the combatant command level IAW reference b. The USAFRICOM Command Surgeon maintains this authority for the following personnel:
 - a. All personnel assigned to Headquarters USAFRICOM.
 - b. Department of Defense personnel unaffiliated with a specific military Service.
 - c. All personnel entering the USAFRICOM AO on Permanent Change of Station orders.
 - d. Non-Department of Defense personnel entering the USAFRICOM AO on Department of Defense orders.
4. The USAFRICOM Command Surgeon delegates medical waiver authority further as follows:
 - a. To Command Surgeon, Combined - Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) for

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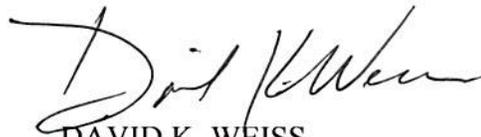
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all personnel pending entry to the CJTF-HOA AO, except those personnel outlined in 3a-d.

b. To Command Surgeon, Special Operations Command Africa, for all Special Operations Forces personnel, except those personnel outlined in 3a-d and 4a. Waivers for Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) personnel entering the African continent will be adjudicated in coordination with the SOCAF Surgeon.

c. To the respective Command Surgeons of U.S. Army Africa, U.S. Naval Forces Africa, and U.S. Air Forces Africa for all other personnel not outlined in 3a-d or 4a-b. U.S. Marine Corps Forces Africa personnel waiver requests will be sent to the Command Surgeon of U.S. Naval Forces Africa.

5. This policy supersedes all previous policy and is effective 5 June 2014.



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