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FROM: HQ USAF/IL
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SUBJECT: International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card (IMPAC) Purchases of Hazardous Material (HAZMAT), Firearms, and Munitions

We need your help to place increased emphasis on the required procedures for IMPAC purchases of HAZMAT and the prohibition on IMPAC purchases of firearms and munitions.

HAZMAT Purchases: Please stress the importance of complying with the requirements in AFI 32-7086, *Hazardous Material Management*, regarding IMPAC purchases of HAZMAT. Chapter 2 of AFI 32-7086 establishes clearly defined procedures for obtaining prior authorization and specifies follow-on tracking requirements of IMPAC purchases of HAZMAT. These procedures allow the installations' HAZMAT pharmacy programs to meet customers' needs, while reducing costs, and protecting the environment and the safety and health of the work force.

The Feb 98 Air Force Inspection Agency (AFIA) Base Level Acquisition Reform Special Management Review found IMPAC management and control effectiveness with respect to HAZMAT purchases varied from installation to installation. The AFIA recommended that senior management reemphasize the requirement to comply with the AFI 32-7086 procedures. We need your support to accomplish this.

Firearms and Munitions Purchase: We also need to ensure our people understand they are not authorized to use IMPAC to purchase firearms and munitions, to include fireworks. Federal law prohibits local purchase of firearms. For guidance on local purchasing requirements and procedures for munitions, personnel should contact their installation logistics munitions accountable systems officer (MASO), as required by AFI 21-202, *Combat Ammunition System Procedures*.

This is a coordinated Civil Engineer, Contracting, Legal, Maintenance, Medical, Safety, Supply, and Acquisition memo. Our POC is Major Jim Mills, HQ USAF/ILEVQ, DSN 664-0473, James.Mills@af.pentagon.mil.

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