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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to this Headquarters  
Directors and Chiefs, Primary and Special Staff Offices, HQ USACC

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum 1-7 – Hemp/Cannabidiol (CBD) and Delta-8  
Tetrahydro cannabidiol (THC) Substance Abuse Policy

1. References.

- a. AR 600-85, The Army Substance Abuse Program.
- b. AR 145-1, Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program, Organization, Administration, and Training.
- c. AR 635-200, Active Duty Enlisted Administrative Separations.

2. Applicability. This policy applies to all contracted SROTC Cadets to include Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) and Green-to-Gold Active-Duty Option (GTG-ADO) personnel.

3. Purpose. To ensure awareness of the DoD prohibition against using Delta-8 THC and provide guidance for administration of positive results for ROTC Cadets and members of the GTG-ADO Program.

4. Responsibilities. Professors of Military Science (PMS) are responsible for counseling all ROTC Cadets to ensure they understand Army and USACC regulations prohibiting the use of CBD and Delta-8-THC.

a. If an ROTC Cadet tests positive for Delta-8-THC, the PMS will counsel the Cadet in writing and initiate disenrollment proceedings pursuant to AR 145-1, para. 10-2b(11). The basis for any disenrollment will be: "A fact or condition exists that will bar the Cadet from appointment as a commissioned officer to wit, a positive urinalysis for drug use."

b. If the Cadet is enrolled in the Simultaneous Membership Program, the PMS will notify the Cadet's Reserve or National Guard unit of the positive test result.

c. If the positive test result is for a member of the GTG-ADO program, the PMS will immediately notify the Commander, HHD, USACC and seek guidance regarding release

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from program. Prior to taking any disciplinary action against a Soldier in the GTG-ADO program for a positive urinalysis for Delta-8-THC, the Commander will consult with the servicing judge advocate and forensic toxicology experts for advice on adjudication. After consultation, the Commander will, at his or her discretion, take UCMJ action as appropriate, and will initiate administrative separation as required by AR 635-200, para. 14-12c (2), before initiating disenrollment.

5. A positive drug test for Delta-8-THC will be reported to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System database for G2G-ADO. Individuals determined to have unlawfully used a controlled substance are prohibited from purchasing or possessing firearms for one year following a positive drug test result.

6. The point of contact for this memorandum is Ms. Shannon Viau, at (502) 624-5297 or shannon.a.viau.civ@army.mil.

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