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PERSONNEL - GENERAL

HERALDIC QUALITY CONTROL SYSTEM POLICY

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**1. Purpose.** These regulations establish the Heraldic Item Quality Control System to improve the appearance of the Army by controlling the quality of heraldic items purchased from commercial sources.

**2. Definitions.** *a. Controlled heraldic items.* Those authorized items of symbolism listed in paragraph 5 and worn on the uniform or civilian clothing by Army personnel.

*b. Commercial sources.* For the purposes of these regulations the Army-Air Force Exchange Service, or any outlet other than the Quartermaster Sales Stores, is considered a commercial source.

**3. Responsibility.** *a.* The Institute of Heraldry, U.S. Army, is responsible for the implementation of the Heraldic Item Quality Control System policies. It will issue Certificates of Authorization to those manufacturers of heraldic items engaged in the manufacture of quality controlled items, defined in paragraph 2*a*, who have been determined capable, and who have agreed to manufacture such controlled items in accordance with applicable specifications or purchase descriptions. The certificate will be supplemented by documentation showing the specific heraldic items which the manufacturer is authorized to produce.

*b.* All Army service personnel who wear quality controlled heraldic items which were purchased from commercial sources will be responsible for insuring that the item was produced by a certified manufacturer. Items manufactured by certified manufacturers will be identified by a hallmark and/or a certificate label certifying that the item was produced in accordance with specifications. Any heraldic item currently in the possession of

individuals may be worn if it is of the quality and design covered in specifications, until it is unserviceable or until the basic design is changed. A list of certified manufacturers will be furnished the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, and upon request, the Army commanders.

*c.* Commanding officers will insure that only those heraldic items which are of quality and design covered in specifications and which have been produced by certified manufacturers are worn by personnel under their command.

*d.* The Inspector General will include check for compliance with these regulations during normal inspections conducted under his supervision.

**4. Phaseout period of current heraldic items.** The Army-Air Force Exchange Service may continue to sell insignia and other heraldic items, provided they are of the design and quality specified in Government specifications, which may be in stock or procured prior to the dates, as announced by The Institute of Heraldry, U.S. Army, on which Government tools are available for use by manufacturers. After Government tools are available to the manufacturers, all heraldic items must be manufactured with the use of these tools. The use of the word "tools" includes hubs, cartoons, specifications, and purchase descriptions as applicable.

**5. Controlled heraldic items.** The following is a list of items controlled under this system:

*a.* Badges and bars, both regulation and miniature sizes (when authorized).

*b.* Miniature replicas of decorations and service medals, including miniature ribbons.

*c.* Department of the Army General Staff identification.

\*These regulations supersede AR 600-91, 1 June 1961.

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- d. Distinguished unit badges.
- e. Fourragères.
- f. Insignia.
- g. Lanyards.
- h. Lapel buttons pertaining to decorations and service medals and those indicating Army service.
- i. Ribbon devices, regulation and miniature sizes (Oak Leaf clusters, service stars, arrowheads, V-devices, and clasps).
- j. Ribbons pertaining to Department of the Army decorations and service medals.
- k. Rosettes for decorations.

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