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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This revision establishes provisions for the installation commander to approve the use of handguns during base-level exercises and/or inspections. This publication has been significantly changed.

AFI 31-207, 1 August 1999, is supplemented as follows:

The senior security force representative at geographically separated units may authorize arming of security force personnel.

2.2.2.3.(Added)(PACAF). Installation commanders approve the use of handguns during base-level exercises/inspections, giving consideration to hazards associated with the use of these weapons in exercise situations. The nature of handguns (no blank-firing adapters, magazines not visible when inserted) does not permit users/observers to visually discriminate between unloaded/blank-loaded exercise weapons and weapons loaded for real world missions; serious weapons incidents may result. If handgun use during exercises/inspections is approved, detail approval and safety procedures in installation exercise/inspection plans.

Security Forces investigators with an AF Form 688, Investigator Credentials, may retain the AF Form 523 as long as they are assigned investigator duties.

Each installation will specify safety requirements for use of blank ammunition.

PACAF and NAF Directors of Staff (DS) may sign authorization letters.

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