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Specialist  
(Ammunition  
Surveillance)**

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**History.** This UPDATE issue is a reprint of the original form of this regulation that was published on 15 July 1982. Since that time, no

changes have been issued to amend the original.

**Summary.** This revision incorporates responsibilities of HQDA in managing the overall DA Explosives Safety Program.

**Applicability.** See paragraph 2.

**Supplementation.** Local limited supplementation of this regulation is permitted but is not required. If supplements are issued, HQDA agencies and major Army commands will furnish one copy of each to the Commander, US Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command, ATTN: DRCQA-P, 5001 Eisenhower Ave., ALEX VA 22333; other commands will furnish one copy of each to the next higher headquarters.

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\*This regulation supersedes AR 702-12, 15 October 1979.

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## 1. Purpose

This regulation gives the authority and responsibilities to conduct and administer the Quality Assurance Specialist (Ammunition Surveillance) (QASAS) Program. It also sets forth the general qualifications and placement guidance for careerists in this program.

## 2. Applicability

This regulation applies to the following:

- a. The Active Army, Army National Guard, and US Army Reserve.
- b. DOD installations, activities, and commands that receive, store, maintain, issue, use and dispose of ammunition.
- c. Supported Military Assistance Advisory Groups (MAAG).

## 3. References

See appendix A for required and related publications.

## 4. Ammunition surveillance

- a. Ammunition surveillance includes—
  - (1) Quality assurance and logistics functions related to inspecting, testing, and rating ammunition.
  - (2) Functions that affect explosive safety during handling, storage, transportation, maintenance, use, and disposal of munition.
- b. AR 740-1 establishes the Ammunition Surveillance Program, prescribes policy, assigns duties, and outlines goals.

## 5. Responsibilities

- a. *Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (DCSLOG)*. The DCSLOG has Army staff responsibility for the following.
  - (1) Policy, direction, and monitorship of the Ammunition Surveillance Program.
  - (2) Programming and funding all equipment, materiel, and resources needed to conduct the Ammunition Surveillance Program.
- b. *Commanding General, US Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command (CG, DARCOM)*. CG, DARCOM is the functional chief of the QASAS Civilian Career Program. In this role, CG, DARCOM provides ammunition surveillance support to DOD installations, activities, and commands that receive, store, maintain, issue, use, and dispose of ammunition.
- c. *Director of Product Assurance (PA), DARCOM Headquarters*. The Director of PA is the functional chief's representative and provides overall direction of the QASAS Civilian Career Program.
- d. *The Director, US Army Ammunition Center and School*. The Director, US Army Defense Ammunition Center and School manages, administers, and operates the QASAS Civilian Career Program.
- e. *Army Director of Safety, Office Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel*. The Army Director of Safety—
  - (1) Has Army general staff responsibility for the Army Safety Program (ASP) as defined in AR 385-10.
  - (2) Develops and monitors Army-wide policy and criteria for the ammunition and explosives safety program as an integral part of the ASP.
  - (3) Establishes DA explosives safety standards.

## 6. General qualification of QASAS careerists

- QASAS careerists are qualified to perform the following duties:
- a. Develop, manage, or execute munitions surveillance programs.
  - b. Conduct tests and studies to assess serviceability or deterioration of munitions.
  - c. Develop or approve procedures and apply controls so that munitions storage or issue operations comply with explosive safety regulations.
  - d. Develop, analyze, and apply information about design, production, modification, disposal, and reliability of munitions.
  - e. Provide technical aid to those who design, produce, transport, store, maintain, demilitarize, modify, and use ammunition.
  - f. Serve as nuclear or chemical surety officers.

## 7. Assignment and management of QASAS personnel

- a. QASAS personnel are assigned by directed placement to fill

positions. The Ammunition Civilian Career Management Office at the US Army Defense Ammunition Center and School manages the recruitment, training, assignment, and promotion of these personnel. Provisions for these functions are in CPR 950-20.

- b. The hiring command supervises, rates, and appraises assigned QASAS. Technical direction is provided in AR 740-1 and AR 702-6.

- c. A group of senior level QASAS are assigned to the US Army Defense Ammunition Center and School. They will perform the services shown below.

- (1) Inspect, review, and assess munition operations for effectiveness per AR 700-13.
  - (2) Identify and correct problems affecting mission.
  - (3) Provide technical aid onsite for ammunition malfunctions, accidents, and incident investigations.
  - (4) Help to develop and apply ammunition logistics policy.
  - (5) Advise on technical matters affecting stockpile reliability and explosive safety.
  - (6) Provide technical aid to plan, develop, construct, and modify ammunition equipment and facilities.
  - (7) Assess and monitor use of explosive safety standards for ammunition in the following environments:
    - (a) Storage.
    - (b) Transportation.
    - (c) Maintenance.
    - (d) Demilitarization test.
    - (e) Use.
  - (8) Help to develop, manage, and execute the Chemical and Nuclear Surety Program.
- d. QASAS assigned to depots will be rotated through all available job assignments consistent with required personnel staffing and mission requirements. Adjustment of intervals and order of assignment are at the discretion of the QASAS in charge.
    - (1) Journey persons will rotate at about 6-month intervals.
    - (2) First line supervisors will rotate at about 1-year intervals.

## 8. Communications

Communications on administering the QASAS career program will be sent to the Director, US Army Defense Ammunition Center and School, ATTN: SARAC-AO, Savanna, IL 61074.

## **Appendix A References**

### **Section I Required Publications**

#### **AR 385-10**

The Army Safety Program. (Cited in para 5e(1).)

#### **AR 700-13**

Worldwide Ammunition Support and Review Programs. (Cited in para 7c(1).)

#### **AR 702-6**

Ammunition Stockpile Reliability Program (ASRP). (Cited in para 7b.)

#### **AR 740-1**

Storage and Supply Activity Operations. (Cited in paras 4b and 7b.)

#### **CPR 950-20**

Army Civilian Career Program for Quality Assurance Specialists (Ammunition Surveillance). (Cited in para 7a.)

### **Section II Related Publications**

#### **AR 10-11**

United States Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command.

#### **AR 385-64**

Ammunition and Explosives Safety Standards

#### **CPR 950-1**

Career Management

#### **SB 742-1**

Ammunition Surveillance Procedures

#### **TB 742-94-1**

Surveillance Inspection Procedures for Nuclear Weapons

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