DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER AND FORT IRWIN
FORT IRWIN, CALIFORNIA 92310

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: NTC Policy Letter 11, Prohibition of the Purchase, Use, and Possession of Intoxicating Substances Including Spice and Salvia Divinorum

1. PURPOSE: To prohibit the purchase, use, and possession of the intoxicating substances Spice and Salvia Divinorum within the NTC and Fort Irwin.

2. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to everyone on the installation and to Service Members assigned to Fort Irwin regardless of where the violation occurs (on or off the installation), and regardless of duty status (present for duty, on pass, on leave, AWOL, etc.).

3. PUNITIVE POLICY: This policy letter constitutes a lawful general order issued by the Commander, NTC and Fort Irwin. Violations of this policy may result in punitive action against Service Members under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and adverse administrative action against Service Members, civilians (including contractors), and Family members on the installation.

4. REFERENCES:

a. AR 600-85, The Army Substance Abuse Program, 2 Feb 09 (RAR: 2 Dec 09).

b. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 30 Nov 09.

c. Uniform Code of Military Justice (2008 Edition).

5. BACKGROUND:

a. Combat readiness requires that Service Members be well-trained, both mentally and physically. There is no room in the military for the unauthorized use of drugs or drug like substances. It affects morale, discipline, health, and safety, not only of our Service Members and civilian employees, but also Families, friends, co-workers, and other valuable members of the NTC and Fort Irwin military and civilian community.

b. Spice is a mixture of medicinal herbs commonly sold as incense but often misused as a drug in ways similar to Marijuana. Spice is marketed in several different mixture varieties and when used as a drug causes decreased motor functions, loss of concentration, and impairment of

short-term memory. Salvia Divinorum (Salvia) is a documented hallucinogen similar to many psychoactive herbs. See Enclosure 1 for commonly used names.

c. The use of Spice and Salvia poses a danger not only to the safety and welfare of our Service Members, but also to their Family members and any civilians they may encounter under the influence of these substances. These substances have a high potential to affect the efficiency and the good order and discipline of units stationed or training at Fort Irwin.

d. AR 600-85, paragraph 4-2p, already prohibits Soldiers from using Hemp or products containing Hemp oil and any of the following substances for the purpose of inducing excitement, intoxication, or stupefaction of the central nervous system: controlled substance analogues (designer drugs); chemicals, propellants, or inhalants (huffing); dietary supplements that are banned by the United States Food and Drug Administration; prescription or over-the-counter drugs and medications (when used in a manner contrary to their intended medical purpose or in excess of the prescribed dosage); and any naturally occurring substances (to include but not limited to Salvia Divinorum, Jimson Weed, and so forth).

e. Although the use of Spice and Salvia is prohibited by Army Regulation, this policy reinforces this prohibition and also prohibits the purchase and possession of these dangerous substances by anyone on the installation and also on and off the installation by Service Members assigned to Fort Irwin.

6. POLICY:

a. The use (to inhale, inject, consume, or introduce into the body in any manner to alter mood or function) of any substance or derivative, analogue, or variant of the substances listed in Enclosure (1) is hereby prohibited.

b. The possession, purchase, attempt to purchase, transportation onto the installation by any means, or distribution of any substance or derivative, analogue, or variant of the substances listed in Enclosure (1) is hereby prohibited.

c. The prohibition against possession (and possession only) goes into effect seven days from the date of this policy letter. All other prohibitions (use, purchase, transportation onto the installation, and distribution) are effectively immediately.

7. QUESTIONS: Commanders should direct any questions regarding whether a substance or its use or possession is prohibited by this policy or any other law or regulation to their servicing judge advocate before initiating any adverse action.

8. Proponent for this policy letter is the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 760-380-3276.

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Enclosure 1

PROHIBITED PRODUCTS AND SUBSTANCES

1. Spice, commonly sold under the following non-exhaustive list of brand names:

Spice Gold	Skunk	Spike99 Ultra	Samurai Spirit
Spice Dragon	Zohai	Pulse	Woodstock
Dragon Spice	Nehan	Spice Arctic Synergy	Santa's Sled
Spice Diamond	Tropical Synergy	Fire and Ice	Ocean Blue
Genie	Texas Gold	Serenity Now	Zombie World
Spice Silver	Blueberry	Berry Blend	Stinger
Yucatan Fire	Mojo	Dark Knight	2010
Herbal Incense	Voodoo	Dark Knight II (Extra Strong)	G Four
K2	Earthquake	Mystery	Bad 2 the Bone

2. Salvia Divinorum: Salvia Divinorum or Salvinorum A; all parts of the plant presently classified botanically as salvia divinorum, whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, any extract of any part or such plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation or such plant, its seeds, or extracts. Salvia Divinorum is also commonly known as:

Sage of the Seers
Diviner's Sage
Sally-D
Magic Mint

3. Any material, compound, mixture or preparation which contains any quantity or the following substances:

IIU-210
CP 47. 497 and homologues
HU-211
JWH-018
JWH-073
Cannabinoid(s) or Cannabicyclohexanol(s)
THC analogues