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MEMORANDUM FOR

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SUBJECT: Authorization to Requisition and Use Commercial Eyewear as Alternatives to the Sun, Wind and Dust (SWDG) for Non-Laser Missions and Training Scenarios

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide authorization for Army units to requisition and use commercial eyewear as alternatives to the non-laser Sun Wind and Dust Goggles (SWDG). With this authorization, units will be able to acquire commercial eyewear protection alternatives to better meet their needs while operating in diverse mission environments.
2. At this time, no commercial alternatives are authorized for the SWDG with laser lenses; however, efforts are being pursued to provide suitable alternatives to the SWDG laser configurations in the future. Until that time, soldiers must continue to use the SWDG with the laser lens for missions and training scenarios requiring a goggle with laser eye protection.
3. The table provided at enclosure1 is a list of authorized commercial eyewear alternatives to the non-laser SWDG. Units may order these commercial alternatives by submitting funded MILSTRIP requisitions through normal supply channels to the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia General and Industrial (S9I). Eyewear users are advised that the components of the SWDG and commercial alternatives are not interchangeable, i.e., a SWDG lens cannot be placed in a commercial eyewear frame, etc.
4. It is recommended that soldiers requiring vision correction procure the ESS Land Operations Goggle, which will fit ovetop most prescription eyewear. Though a prescription lens carrier is commercially available for the ESS Low Profile Night Vision Goggles, the subject carrier has not been evaluated for durability in a field environment

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and, thus, is not being recommended at this time. Additionally, it is recommended that prescription lenses not be ordered for the Wiley-X SG-1 Goggle due to the cost and the potential for decreased ballistic performance of the SG-1 when the prescription lenses are in place.

5. The points of contact for this action are [REDACTED] Product Manager-Clothing and Individual Equipment (Philadelphia), DSN 444-2510 or commercial (215) 737-2510; email: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] U.S. Army Materiel Command Logistics Support Activity, DSN 645-9907 or commercial (256) 955-9907; e-mail [REDACTED]



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