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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)  
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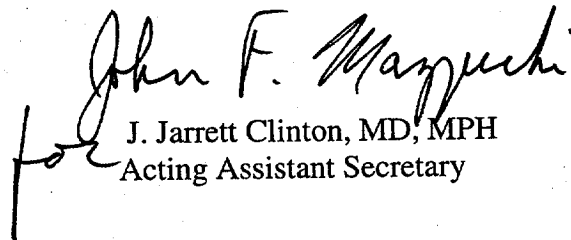
SUBJECT: Interim Policy for Department of Defense Veterinary Service

Pending publication of the revised DODD 1010.10, the following interim guidance is in effect:

The Secretary of the Army shall ensure uniform use of veterinary services throughout the Department of Defense. The Department of the Army's veterinary services shall be used by all Military Departments and shall include:

- a. Control of animal diseases communicable to man.
- b. Veterinary care for Government-owned animals supported by appropriate funds.
- c. Military veterinarians for Research and Development when required by the Military Departments.
- d. The development of military sanitary standards for commercial food plants providing products to DoD components.
- e. The development of approved lists of food suppliers published by the Department of the Army.
- f. The Air Force may develop locally approved lists in cases where food products are procured for individual Air Force installations.
- g. On-base inspection of food products, except food preparation facilities, shall be done by Army Veterinary Services at all joint procurement and storage facilities and facilities under the control of the Departments of the Navy and Army.
- h. Department of the Air Force shall provide the food inspection program at Air Force bases.
- i. Laboratory examinations of food products.

I ask that the Secretaries of the Military Departments take the necessary steps to ensure full implementation of this most important program.

  
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