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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

ATZQ-CDA

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Identification of Approved Flame Resistance (FR) Boots for Army Aviation for Use during Flight Duties

1. References:

- a. Memorandum, U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center and Fort Rucker, 22 Feb 2005, subject: Approval of Non-Leather Boots for Army Aviation Use.
- b. Memorandum, U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center and Fort Rucker, Apr 25 2006, subject: Approval of Non All-Leather Boots for Army Aviation Use – Amendment.
- c. Army Regulation (AR) 95-1, 12 Nov 2008, subject: Flight Regulations
- d. AR 670-1, 11 May 2012, subject: Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia

2. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Army Aviation community an update on the boots approved for Aviation use.

3. Discussion. There are three categories of boots that are currently approved for Army Aviation use.

a. The Army Temperate Weather (TW) Combat Boot.

1) Only NSN 8430-01-516-XXXX series TW boots are authorized for flight use (note: XXXX denotes size deviations of the boot). This boot currently is issued as part of the US Army Clothing Initial Issue bag and accounted for in the annual clothing allowance. This boot is a required item for every Soldier per AR 670-1.

2) This NSN has multiple manufacturers, all of which are approved for Army Aviation use.

3) There are other NSN's for the TW boot, none of which are approved for flight use.

b. The Army Hot Weather-Flame Resistant (HW-FR) Combat Boot.

1) Only NSN 8430-01-540-XXXX series HW-FR boots are authorized for flight use.

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2) This NSN is known as the Belleville 340DES boot (provided by the Belleville Shoe Manufacturing Company).

3) There are no other HW-FR boots. There are other HW boots, none of which are authorized for flight use.

c. Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS)/Government Off The Shelf (GOTS).

1) Any COTS/GOTS that meets the requirements identified in AR 95-1, paragraph 8-9c.(1) and footwear requirements in AR 670-1 can be worn for Aviation flight duties.

2) The Intermediate Cold Wet Boot with removable liner, NSN 8430-01-527-XXXX, is example of such a boot.

3) The unit commander must ensure that any COTS/GOTS footwear worn meets the requirements of both AR 95-1 and AR 670-1.

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