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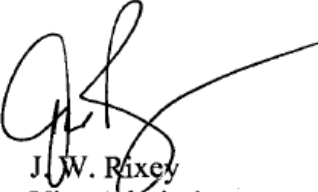
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SUBJECT: Revised Procedures for Night Vision Devices (DSCA 14-22) [SAMM E-Change 259]

The attached Night Vision Device (NVD) Handbook provides detailed procedures for processing requests for NVDs. Policy guidance related to NVDs and Letters of Request requesting them will remain in the Security Assistance Management Manual (SAMM). Procedural guidance will be kept current in the NVD Handbook.

SAMM Chapter 4, paragraph C4.4.14. is revised as described in the attached SAMM E-Change to provide a clearer standard for Foreign Military Sales (FMS). Unless otherwise requested in writing by the purchaser, FMS customer requests for NVDs and for image intensifier tubes ordered as spare parts or replacements must be fulfilled with image intensifiers that meet U.S. military specifications, except for Figure of Merit (FoM), Halo, and other specific, associated performance parameters required to meet export authorization provisos. This requirement is intended to address instances in which ambiguity has led to sales of NVDs with less capability than intended and less than anticipated, resulting in customer dissatisfaction. The requirement that technical capabilities of replacement tubes must not exceed the export restrictions set forth in the original authorization is deleted to allow for greater flexibility with respect to NVD export policy decisions.

These changes are effective immediately and will be included in the automated version of the SAMM found on the Defense Security Cooperation Agency Web Page as SAMM E-Change 259. If you have questions regarding this policy change, please contact Mr. Mark Barowski, DSCA/STR-WPN, at (703) 601-3676 or email: mark.barowski@dca.mil. For questions regarding the SAMM, please contact Mr. Mike Slack, DSCA/STR-POL, at (703) 601-3842 or e-mail: michael.slack@dca.mil. Implementing Agencies should ensure dissemination to supporting activities. Updates to the SAMM are posted regularly at www.samm.dca.mil.



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SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT MANUAL (SAMM), E-CHANGE 259

1. SAMM Section C4.4.14. is replaced to read as follows:

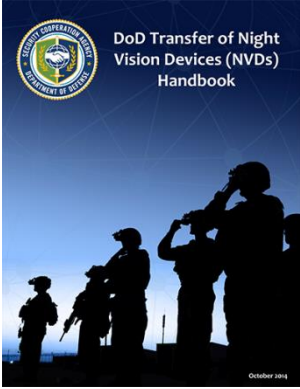
C4.4.14. Night Vision Devices (NVDs). NVDs are man-portable devices that incorporate image intensification, infrared, thermal, or sensor-fused technologies. NVDs fall under Category XII(c) of the [U.S. Munitions List \(22 CFR part 121\)](#) and are designated as sensitive, unclassified SME. The [Defense Technology Security Administration \(DTSA\)](#) is responsible for NVD export policy and requires the case-by-case review of all requests for the international transfer of such items through FMS or direct export licensing. Each review considers input from the MILDEPs, the acquisition community, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Image intensifier tubes ordered as spare parts or replacements for destroyed, lost, stolen, or missing devices also require a case-by-case review except when replacing defective or damaged tubes that are returned to the USG on a direct exchange or repair and return basis. Unless otherwise requested in writing by the purchaser, FMS customer requests for NVDs, and for image intensifier tubes ordered as spare parts or replacements must be fulfilled with image intensifiers that meet U.S. military specifications, except for Figure of Merit (FoM), Halo, and other specific, associated performance parameters required to meet export authorization provisos. NVDs taken from DoD stock may not be sold or transferred without an accompanying data sheet verifying that the technical capabilities of the image intensifier tubes do not exceed export restrictions. Detailed guidance on procedures for processing NVD requests is contained in the [NVD Handbook](#). Also see [SAMM Chapter 8](#) for End-Use Monitoring (EUM) responsibilities.

2. Chapter 5, Table C5.T4., entry for “Night Vision Devices (NVDs)” is updated to read as follows:

Item	Requirement	Notes
Night Vision Devices (NVDs)	NVD Handbook	Unique review Section C4.4.14.

3. Chapter 5, Figure C5.F2. “Figure C5.F2. Sample Request for Exception to DoD NVD Policy” sample letter is removed. The figure is updated to read as follows:

Figure C5.F2. Sample Request for Exception to DoD NVD Policy

	<p>SAMM Figure C5.F2. “Sample Request for Exception to DoD NVD Policy” has been replaced by the <i>2014 DoD Transfer of Night Vision Devices (NVDs) Handbook</i> available at:</p> <p>http://www.dsca.mil/2014-nvd-guide</p>
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