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SUBJECT: Authorized Firearms for Homeland Security Investigations

Purpose:

This memorandum provides updated guidance concerning ICE-approved firearms for Authorized Officers (AOs) within Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

Background:

ICE Policy 19009.1: Firearms and Use of Force Handbook, dated November 8, 2019, or as updated, requires the Directors of the operational programs to determine which firearms, as listed in Appendix III: ICE Approved Firearms and Intermediate Force Weapons, may be carried by armed personnel within their program. HSI has worked collaboratively with the Office of Firearms and Tactical Programs (OFTP) to continuously update this list of approved firearms to better serve the needs of the armed workforce. The changes reflected in this memorandum are intended to address specific operational requirements based on information received.

Discussion:

Effective immediately, HSI armed personnel are authorized to carry any of the below ICE-issued or ICE-approved personally owned handguns, on or off duty, as described in Chapter 2(B) of the Firearms and Use of Force Handbook:

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*SRT only. (Refer to HSI SRT Handgun Program Guidance)

**No new (b) (7)(E) will be authorized; previously approved weapons are grandfathered.

Note: (b) (7)(E) are only authorized for duty carry in the law enforcement configuration; personally owned weapons (POWs) in this configuration are only available via the ICE Approved Purchase Program. Additional information about the Approved Purchase Program can be found on the OFTP website.

HSI armed personnel are authorized to utilize the following ICE-issued shoulder-fired firearm:

1. (b) (7)(E)
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The following weapons are authorized only until December 31, 2020, at which time they will be discontinued for duty carry and use as per the memorandum entitled Firearms Recommended for Discontinuance, signed April 24, 2020 (please note the recent addition of the shotgun):

1. (b) (7)(E)
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*Exception for .

Superseded Guidance:

This memorandum supersedes the HSI authorization memorandum dated October 1, 2018, "Authorized Firearms for Homeland Security Investigations" and all other previous guidance regarding authorized firearms.

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As a reminder for AOs considering the purchase of personally owned firearms for official use, ICE may amend or rescind the approved personally owned firearms list at any time. HSI armed personnel should continue to follow the procedures prescribed in the Firearms and Use of Force Handbook when requesting authorization to carry an ICE-approved personally owned firearm.

Questions about this guidance may be directed to the OFTP Support Operations Unit at (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED] [@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:[REDACTED]@ice.dhs.gov).