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Subject: RE: Decontamination for Hoof and Mouths

To All,

Col Laras' proceeding email is correct. The Spanish government's request to implement decom procedures was immediate upon receipt. Local Spanish Navy operators have agreed to support us with their decom team until we have ours in place. NAVSTA Rota anticipates receiving loaner VIRKON today from the Spanish along w/decontamination procedures. Team Rota personnel will work together to properly decontaminate required aircraft.

Be advised that we do not know for certain if VIRKON is chlorine based. The product's MSDS sheet is in Spanish and will have to be translated. However, the point of chlorine based products used on tire and wheel assemblies is certainly valid. AMC flights that include the UK or France in their routing may have to avoid Rota until this point is resolved. Pls understand that Rota does take the issue seriously and all Command Post Duty Officers and Air Traffic Control personnel have been briefed into the situation and understand what their responsibilities are. We are continuously monitoring our flight schedule for aircraft subject to decontamination. As of now, the first aircraft that will need decontamination will be a Navy aircraft scheduled to arrive from France on Wednesday, 3/21. Further concur w/Col Laras, please use the entire chain of command before issuing statements about non-concern.

V/R,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Laras Frank Col 725AMS/CC [mailto:Frank.Laras@rota.af.mil]
> Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2001 9:15 AM
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> Daniel P Col 86 OG/CDO; Schrink Robert H Maj 86OGV/OGV; Spence Stephen Col
> 721 AMOG/CD; Arcementl (E-mail); 'Terrellr (E-mail); Bucklesl (E-mail); R.
> CAPT Noble (E-mail)

> Subject: RE: Decontamination for Hoof and Mouths
> Importance: High

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> ALL - The issue of decontaminating aircraft and people aboard arriving
> from the UK or France just hit Spain this week and if you've kept up with
> the CNN news you know its a hot topic. The "How does What to Whom, When
> and Where" for decontamination of Hoof and Mouth disease at NAVSTA Rota is
> being discussed and the procedures have not been finalized or implemented.
> I assure you before NAVSTA Rota takes any steps towards decontaminating
> individuals or aircraft, aircraft experts, Operational Risk Management,
> and Safety will be involved in the final decision prior to implementation.

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> Please put a lid on "Rota AMC did not seem overly concerned" as stated in
> an e-mail below. I am Rota AMC and I haven't spoken to anybody about this
> subject except to send an e-mail announcing decontamination procedures for
> Hoof and Mouth disease is coming to NAVSTA Rota as directed by the Spanish
> government. Calling NAVSTA Rota and speaking to one of my NCOs who
> probably didn't have a clue of "what and where" NAVSTA Rota is or going
> with this issue, and making a statement that I am not overly concerned was
> a cheap shot against me, the 725 AMS, and NAVSTA Rota. (Maj Shrink -
> lesson learned. Do better homework before making comments like this to my
> commander. If you have a comment you want to address to AMC Rota then you
> give me or my deputy, Maj Black a call. My staff and I appreciate all
> helpful recommendations in coming up with the right way to do this the
> first time; however, negative comments about Rota AMC doesn't do anybody
> any favors.)

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> Major Black - read e-mails below and get with the 725 AMS, Air Ops, and
> Supply experts soonest. Form a working group (using our standard
> ORM/Safety practices) to come up with the right answer on this
> decontamination process. You may not have to reinvent the wheel - find
> out what Madrid International is doing on aircraft and people arriving
> from UK and France. Advise the working group to take the step approach;
> first test the process (perhaps on one of the local P-3s), implement, and
> then evaluate. Bounce process across aircraft experts/engineers before
> putting anything on any aircraft.

> Col Laras

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Miller David R Col 721 AMOG/CC
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> Sent: Friday, March 16, 2001 11:14 PM
> To: Laras Frank Col 621 AMOG
> Cc: Weber James M Lt Col 86 OG/CDM; Phillips Ray R Col 86 OG/CC;
> Lentz Daniel P Col 86 OG/CDO; Schrink Robert H Maj 86OGV/OGV; Spence
> Stephen Col 721 AMOG/CD
> Subject: RE: Decontamination for Hoof and Mouth

> Frank. See below. Plz investigate/comment. Thx. dm

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Schrink Robert H Maj 86OGV/OGV
> Sent: Friday, March 16, 2001 4:39 PM
> To: Miller David R Col 721 AMOG/CC
> Cc: Weber James M Lt Col 86 OG/CDM; Phillips Ray

> R Col 86 OG/CC; Lentz Daniel P Col 86 OG/CDO
> Subject: FW: Decontamination for Hoof and
> Mouth

> Col Miller,
> Sir, the following e-mail traffic concerns
> decontaminating aircraft and people for Foot and Mouth Disease. You are
> probably aware the Spanish authorities have directed decontamination for
> aircraft and people arriving from the UK and France.

> At Rota, this responsibility is given to the
> Spanish. No one in AMC or NAS Ops could inform me how (or if) the Spanish
> were going to decontaminate aircraft. Our concern is, from 86 OG/CDM, the
> chlorine solution used in the decontamination could be harmful to wheel
> and brake assemblies. I informed the TSgt working ATOC to try to verify
> the disinfectant contents prior to allowing it to be used near an
> aircraft's wheel assemblies--and to not allow a chlorine agent to be used.
> I don't have a high confidence this will happen since the Spanish
> authorities are performing the decons. Rota AMC did not seem overly
> concerned.

> Can any of your AMC folks at Rota verify whether a
> harmful (Chlorine based) solution will be used to decon the aircraft and/or
> turn this process off if it is. This could be a hazard Spain wide if our
> aircraft are decontaminated by Spanish authorities.

> V/R
> Rob

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Weber James M Lt Col 86 OG/CDM
> Sent: Friday, March 16, 2001 4:17 PM
> To: Schrink Robert H Maj 86OGV/OGV
> Cc: Phillips Ray R Col 86 OG/CC; Lentz Daniel P

> Col 86 OG/CDO
> Subject: RE: Decontamination for Hoof and
> Mouth

> Thanks. I'll advise USAFE/LG.

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Schrink Robert H Maj 86OGV/OGV
> Sent: Friday, March 16, 2001 4:15 PM
> To: Weber James M Lt Col 86 OG/CDM
> Cc: Phillips Ray R Col 86 OG/CC; Lentz Daniel P

> Col 86 OG/CDO
> Subject: RE: Decontamination for Hoof and
> Mouth

> Sir,
> I spoke with Operations folks at ROTA--current
> direction for them is: aircraft and people will be decontaminated by the
> Spanish authorities. They say the Spanish will use VIRKON, which they say
> is a Chlorine based chemical.

> We may have a problem at ROTA--they have not
> decontaminated any aircraft yet and only have direction for
> decontaminating people using the VIRKON/Chlorine solution. They have no
> direction to use or not use the cleaner on aircraft. The Spanish
> personnel may attempt to decontaminate an aircraft with the chlorine
> solution. Quite frankly the base ops folks I talked with were clueless

> and didn't seem concerned since it was the Spanish who were charged with
> this task. I informed them to not allow a chlorine solution to be used
> near an aircraft's landing gear--but have no confidence this won't happen.
> Basically no one (I spoke to, US MIL at these bases) has been given any
> direction on what to use, how to use it, or even if aircraft
> decontamination is required.

> From the Ops folks at Mildenhall: They are not
> currently decontaminating aircraft or people on their end. They have
> message traffic from other countries that states to use a chlorine bleach
> or formaldehyde solution--Greece, Turkey, France on peoples footwear.

> I'll e-mail the AMMSG Commander, Col Miller, with
> your concerns.

> V/R

> Maj Schrink

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Weber James M Lt Col 86 OG/CDM
> Sent: Friday, March 16, 2001 3:23 PM
> To: Lentz Daniel P Col 86 OG/CDO; Schrink Robert

> H Maj 86OGV/OGV

> Cc: Phillips Ray R Col 86 OG/CC; Packard Bobby

> CMSgt 86 OG/CES

> Subject: RE: Decontamination for Hoof and

> Mouth

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> Gentlemen,

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> We'll need to know what they are using to decon
> aircraft. My Boeing sources tell me it is a chlorine derivative, which is
> absolutely a no no for wheel and brake assemblies... Rob, can you find
> out for us?

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> Thanks!

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> Weber

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Lentz Daniel P Col 86 OG/CDO
> Sent: Friday, March 16, 2001 11:23 AM
> To: Schrink Robert H Maj 86OGV/OGV
> Cc: Weber James M Lt Col 86 OG/CDM; Phillips Ray

> R Col 86 OG/CC

> Subject: FW: Decontamination for Hoof and

> Mouth

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> Rob

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> Do we need any FCIF (or something) out on this ??

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> Col Lentz

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Laras Frank Col 725AMS/CC

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> TACC/TAEAST (E-mail); Young Karl Col TACC/XOO (E-mail)
> Cc: Col Lentz (E-mail); Hand Montgomery S LtCol
> 621 AMSG/DO (E-mail); 'Joseph. Crownover (E-mail); Larry Nickerson
> (E-mail); Miller David R Col 621 AMSG/CC (E-mail); Spence Stephen Col 621
> AMSG/CD (E-mail); Black Kimberly A Maj 725AMS/DO
> Subject: FW: Decontamination for Hoof and
> Mouth

> Gents - FYI. New NAVSTA Rota procedures for
> preventing contamination of Hoof & Mouth disease. At present new
> procedures impact only aircraft arriving in Spain from the UK or France;
> please disseminate among planners/controllers.

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Black Kimberly A Maj 625AMSS/DO
> Sent: Friday, March 16, 2001 10:05 AM
> To: Laras Frank Col 725AMS/CC
> Subject: Decontamination for Hoof and Mouth

> Sir,

> I have attached the letter from the Spanish
> concerning Hoof and Mouth Disease. All personnel are to be decontaminated,
> and in number 5, where it mentions "vehicles" the U.S. Naval Air
> Operations is including aircraft.

> v.r
> KB
> << File: Spanish Dept of Ministry Hoof and
> Mouth.doc >>

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