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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2018-07-4 (Prioritizing Efforts—Readiness and Lethality (Update 4))

1. References:

a. Memorandum, Secretary of Defense, 21 July 2017, subject: Administrative and Personnel Policies to Enhance Readiness and Lethality.

b. Memorandum, Secretary of the Army, 13 April 2018, subject: Prioritizing Efforts—Readiness and Lethality.

2. Purpose. This memorandum serves to update reference 1b. Removal of mandatory tasks by Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) at the unit level will improve the warfighting readiness of our Total Force.

3. Actions. The following items are no longer required by HQDA:

a. Units are no longer responsible for processing requests for political asylum and temporary refugee status as outlined in AR 550-1.

b. Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Training as outlined in AR 350-1 is no longer a standalone requirement and should be incorporated into units' Mission Essential Task training as part of the operational environment.

c. Counter Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) Training as outlined in AR 350-1 is no longer a standalone requirement and should be incorporated into units' Mission Essential Task training as part of the operational environment.

4. Proponent. The HQDA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, Director of Training, is the proponent for this policy. I will announce resolution of recommendations and detailed changes to Army policies in future memorandums, directives or policy revisions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark T. Esper".

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