

**ALARACT 163/2012**

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SUBJECT: ALARACT SAFETY ALERT ON POTENTIAL COUNTERFEIT COMBAT  
APPLICATION TOURNIQUET (C-A-T) MEDICAL MATERIEL

REF/MEDICAL MATERIEL QUALITY CONTROL MESSAGE MMQC-10-1221  
COMPOSITE RESOURCES INC/TOURNIQUET/URGENT PRODUCT SAFETY  
ALERT/DSCP 10-150/14APR10//

1. (U) SITUATION.

1.A. (U) SAFETY ALERT ISSUED ON THE FOLLOWING MATERIEL:

NSN: 6515-01-521-7976 UI: EA

NOM: TOURNIQUET NONPNEUMATIC COMBAT APPLICATION ONE-  
HANDED

MFR: COMPOSITE RESOURCES

DISTRIBUTOR: SEE 3.B BELOW

LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(NUMBERS): N/A

1.B. (U) DLA HAS BECOME AWARE OF SIMILAR MATERIEL MANUFACTURED  
TO CLOSELY RESEMBLE C-A-T TOURNIQUETS. MARKINGS AND SYMBOLS,  
INCLUDING THE SPECIFIC C-A-T NATIONAL STOCK NUMBER (NSN), CAN BE  
SIMILAR OR IDENTICAL. THERE ARE SEVERAL REPORTS THAT THESE  
COUNTERFEIT DEVICES ARE OF INFERIOR DESIGN AND QUALITY AND MAY  
CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. THESE LOOK-ALIKE TOURNIQUETS ARE  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH VARIOUS NON-DOD WEBSITES.

1.C. (U) DUE TO THE NATURE OF JOINT OR COMBINED OPERATIONS,  
THERE IS CONCERN THAT THESE DEVICES HAVE BEEN MIXED IN WITH US  
FORCES' EQUIPMENT SETS AND FIRST AID KITS. THEREFORE, THIS  
DOCUMENT PROVIDES ADDITIONAL TIME FOR DISCOVERY, REMOVAL AND  
TURN-IN OF COUNTERFEIT TOURNIQUETS.

2. (U) MISSION. UNITS, ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WILL  
REMOVE COUNTERFEIT C-A-T TOURNIQUETS FROM ALL EQUIPMENT SETS AND  
FIRST AID KITS THAT WERE PURCHASED FROM ANY SOURCE OTHER THAN  
THE DOD RECOMMENDED SOURCE, AND REPLACE WITH AUTHORIZED C-A-T  
TOURNIQUETS IN ORDER TO MITIGATE LOSS OF LIFE OR LIMB.

3. (U) EXECUTION.

3.A. (U) A MICROSOFT POWER POINT PRESENTATION AND PHOTO  
COMPARISON INFORMATION OF UNAUTHORIZED MATERIEL VS. ACTUAL C-A-T  
TOURNIQUET IS AVAILABLE AT:

HTTP://WWW.USAMMA.ARMY.MIL/ASSETS/APPS/NALA\_QAWEB/NALA\_DETERMINE\_PATH.CFM. SELECT "DOD MMQC MESSAGES AND IMAGES"; SELECT MESSAGE NUMBER; ENTER "10" IN THE TWO DIGIT YEAR AND "1221" IN THE NUMBER BOX; SELECT "CONTINUE"; SELECT "IMAGE AVAILABLE" TO THE RIGHT OF THE NOMENCLATURE.

3B. (U) UNITS WILL PURCHASE C-A-T MEDICAL MATERIEL ONLY FROM THE FOLLOWING AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTORS:

3.B.(1) (U) NORTH AMERICAN RESCUE INC., 35 TEDWALL COURT, GREER, SC.

3.B.(2) (U) CARDINAL HEALTH, 1430 WAUKEGAN ROAD, MCGAW PARK, IL.

3.B.(3) (U) OWENS AND MINOR, 9120 LOCKWOOD BLVD, MECHANICSVILLE, VA.

3.B.(4) (U) AMERICAN PURCHASING SERVICES (DBA AMERICAN MEDICAL DEPOT) 4380 NW 135TH ST, OPA LOCKA, FL.

3.B.(5) (U) PHOENIX TEXTILE CORPORATION, 21 COMMERCE DRIVE, O'FALLON, MO.

3.C. (U) UNITS OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE PURCHASED C-A-T TOURNIQUETS FROM ANY SOURCE OTHER THAN THE DOD RECOMMENDED SOURCE MUST REMOVE THESE DEVICES FROM USE AND REPLACE WITH AUTHORIZED C-A-T TOURNIQUETS.

4. (U) SUSTAINMENT. TURN-IN SUSPENDED QUANTITIES TO YOUR UNIT'S MEDICAL LOGISTICS SUPPLY SUPPORT ACTIVITY.

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

5.A. (U) HQDA POCS:

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5.B. (U) MESSAGE EXPIRES: 01 JUL 14.