

# Chapter 16 - Ammunition and Weapons

**Parent topic:** APPENDIX - EE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY GOVERNMENT PURCHASE CARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

## 16-1. References

- a. AR 5-13, Army Munitions Requirements, Prioritization, and Authorizations Management Policy, 31 March 2021
- b. ATP 4-35.1 Ammunition and Explosives Handler Safety Techniques
- c. DoD FMR Volume 2A, Chapter 1, Section 010213

## 16-2. Authority to use the GPC for Non-Standard Ammunition (NSA) not from Army inventory

Per AR 5-13 paragraph 2-1.b. and 2-7.a.(4), ASA(ALT), through the ODASA(P) and JPEO A&A, have implemented a waiver process (Figure 15-1) to procure small quantities of Non-Standard Ammunition (NSA) for Army's requirements that are not NSA from Army inventory.

## 16-3. Approved Exceptions

- a. Purchases of explosives, toxins, and ammunition are authorized only after the Joint Program Executive Office Armaments and Ammunition (JPEO-A&A) has authorized an exception. This specifically includes small arms, explosives, weapon parts, accessories, and ammunition. Each exception is approved on a case-by-case basis by JPEO A&A and ODASA(P) CPM.
- b. Waiver requests may be submitted to JPEO A&A via use of the JPEO A&A Waiver Request Checklist and the following documents to the Level 4 A/OPC:
  - 1) Justification for Waiver and Mission Requirements stated in a signed memorandum on the requesting organization's official letterhead
  - 2) Internal Controls (safe storage)
  - 3) Ammunition Storage License
  - 4) Accountability Processes
  - 5) Funding Type (NAF or PAA only)
  - 6) Legal review

c. The Level 4 A/OPC will submit the completed request packet to the Level 3 A/OPC for submission to JPEO-A&A and the Army GPC CPM for review/approval.

d. JPEO-A&A provides a recommendation on whether or not the request justifies inclusion in the AFARS Appendix EE list of approved exceptions to policy to the CPM or returns the request with a non-concurrence to the requesting organization. If approved, by the ODASA(P), the activity will be authorized the exception to policy. The approved exception will be added to the requester's local GPC Operating Procedures.

e. A dedicated GPC is mandatory for such approved exceptions to policy. The dedicated GPC will be identified by a third line embossing as "AMMO," providing transparent identification for ammunition purchases via GPC for Army reporting purposes.

## **16-4. Funding Non-Standard Ammunition (NSA)**

a. The Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS) G - 37/TRA validates and authorizes all NSA requirements except for organizations in AR 5-13 "Army Munitions Requirements, Prioritization, and Authorizations Management Policy" paragraphs 2-1b and 2-7 of this regulation, when they are procuring NSA for their respective requirements and not requesting NSA from Army inventory.

b. Policy memorandum for procurement of NSA dated 8 Aug 2008 establishes U.S. Army policy for NSA. This memorandum directs all U.S. Army NSA procurements be forwarded to Program Executive Office Ammunition that has become JPEO A&A to execute. If valid reasons exist, making it impractical for JPEO A&A to procure NSA, the procuring organization will coordinate with JPEO A&A in writing. The JPEO A&A will have final approval authority to allow other U.S. Army organizations to procure Non-Standard Ammunition by following the exception to policy procedures in this chapter.

c. Procurement of Ammunition, Army (PAA) is the only appropriation authorized for ammunition procurement within the Army. JPEO A&A will make the determination if any other funding may be used when using the GPC. Alternatively, Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) appropriations can be used to procure end items, weapons, equipment, components, materials and services required for development of equipment, material, or computer application software, where applicable, per reference 1c.

## **16-5. Explosives, Toxins, and Ammunition Definitions**

a. Ammunition (per 18 USC 921(a)(17)). The term means ammunition or cartridge cases, primers, bullets, or propellant powder designed for use in any firearm.

b. Non-Standard Ammunition (NSA). Munitions that have not been safety tested and type classified for U.S. Army use. Munitions and explosives that are not managed by National Inventory Control Points, do not have a national stock number (NSN) and cannot be procured or requisitioned through the U.S. Army supply system.

c. Arms. DoD 5100.76-M defines a weapon that will or is designed to expel a projectile or flame by

the action of the explosive, and the frame or receiver of any such weapon. Arms is a specified subset of Dangerous Weapons and all provisions for procuring, securing, and accounting for Arms will also specifically apply to all manner of silencers, mufflers, or suppressors.

d. Arms Parts. Arms parts are a subset of “Arms” and defined as any item required to effect a function of the firing cycle, but not an Arm in and of itself.

e. Arms Accessories. Arms accessories are anything not defined/covered by the previous definitions. Arms Accessories would include, by specific delineation/enumeration, detachable magazines. This would specifically include all manner of sights, optics, slings, bipods, etc., that are available in the commercial marketplace.

f. Weapons. The term “weapon” means a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury,

except that such term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2½ inches in length. Weapons include but are not limited to the following: Any knife having a switchblade, automatic opener, or spring-loaded blade and/or disguise to resemble another item; martial arts devices (e.g., blackjacks) or other devices (e.g., brass knuckles to amplify the effect of a bare-handed blow). Weapon does not include single-edge (it is permissible to have a saw on the edge opposite the blade) fixed or folding bladed knives or “multi-tools” with a blade length not to exceed four inches.

## 16-6. Approved Exceptions

The organizations below have been granted an approved exception to purchase small quantities of commercial-off-the-shelf Non-Standard Ammunition (NSA) and/or Small Arms Parts:

Table 16-1: Approved Organization NSA Exceptions

	<b>Approved Organization</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
a.	U.S. Army JPEO Armaments & Ammunition (JPEO A&A) and Aberdeen Test Center	NSA and Arms Parts	Conducts tests on numerous weapon systems, including small arms, foreign weapons tests, failure analysis, and other firing activities with NSA at DEVCOM - AC Test Facility.
b.	U.S. Army Accessions Support Brigade	Non-combat weapons and NSA	In support of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit IAW AR 710-2.
c.	U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Lab (USCIL)	Test weapons and NSA	Forensic testing of evidence seized during criminal investigations.

	<b>Approved Organization</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
d.	U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC)	NSA - Testing	Testing - RDT&E ammunition in limited quantities on a regular recurring basis to determine accuracy, lethality, and safety and whether to invest in larger quantities for follow on testing or deployment.
e.	U.S. Army Development Command Armaments Center (DEVCOM-AC)	Arms parts and Arms Accessories	Conduct weapons tests and failure analysis. Support PM SL Soldier Enhancement Programs (SEP) and JPEO A&A engineering test and evaluations.
f.	U.S. Army NAFI MWR activities at Forts: Benning, Campbell, Carson, Knox, Stewart, Jackson, Gordon, Bragg, Hood, McCoy, Drum, Redstone Arsenal, West Point, Fort Leavenworth	NSA - IAW AR 215-1 1. Resale for shooting ranges 2. Ranges used to qualify Army military personnel on small arms. (NAF does not provide the NSA for this)	Purchase Rifle Ammunition, Shotgun Shells, Repair Parts, and Pistol Ammunition to support Outdoor Recreation Recreational Shooting Programs.
g.	Project Manager Soldier Lethality	Arms parts and Arms Accessories	Purchase repair parts and accessories for RDT&E of COTS arms. Soldier Enhancement Programs (SEP).
h.	Air National Guard (ANG)	Non-toxic ammunition AFI 91-212, Bird/wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) Management Program	Migratory game bird population conflicts with normal safe flying operations presenting a clear hazard to military aircraft operating in the air space. Use of non-toxic ammunition to manage the bird strike risk and dispatch migratory game birds when necessary.
i.	U.S. Army Fort Hood 1CD: Horse Cavalry Detachment Ceremony	NSA for No load ceremonial ammunition	Need for no load ceremonial ammunition during Command Ceremonies where the Horse Cavalry Detachment performs.

	<b>Approved Organization</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
j.	U.S. Army Ground Vehicle Systems Center (GVSC) Survivability Armor Ballistic Lab (SABL)	NSA to support SABL mission	Sole test agency for qualification and acceptance testing of Transparent Armor (TA) fielded on all Army Systems.
k.	U.S. Army Garrisons	All purchases of air rifles and associated pellets authorized on Table 63 of CTA 50-909	All purchases of air rifles and associated pellets, in support of Pest Management Activities.
l.	U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (ARDEC) that has changed name to DEVCOM-AC	Two Waivers: 1. Purchase of small quantities of COTS NSA - 5 Feb 13 2. Purchase of required explosives and munitions, including energetics, NSA and ammunition components - 24 Aug 18	NSA to conduct foreign weapons tests, failure analysis, and other firing activities with NSA at their Armaments Test Facility (ATF). Need small quantities of NSA that they are unable to supply efficiently through the contracting office.

Note 1: Future approved waivers will be maintained on the Army PAM site

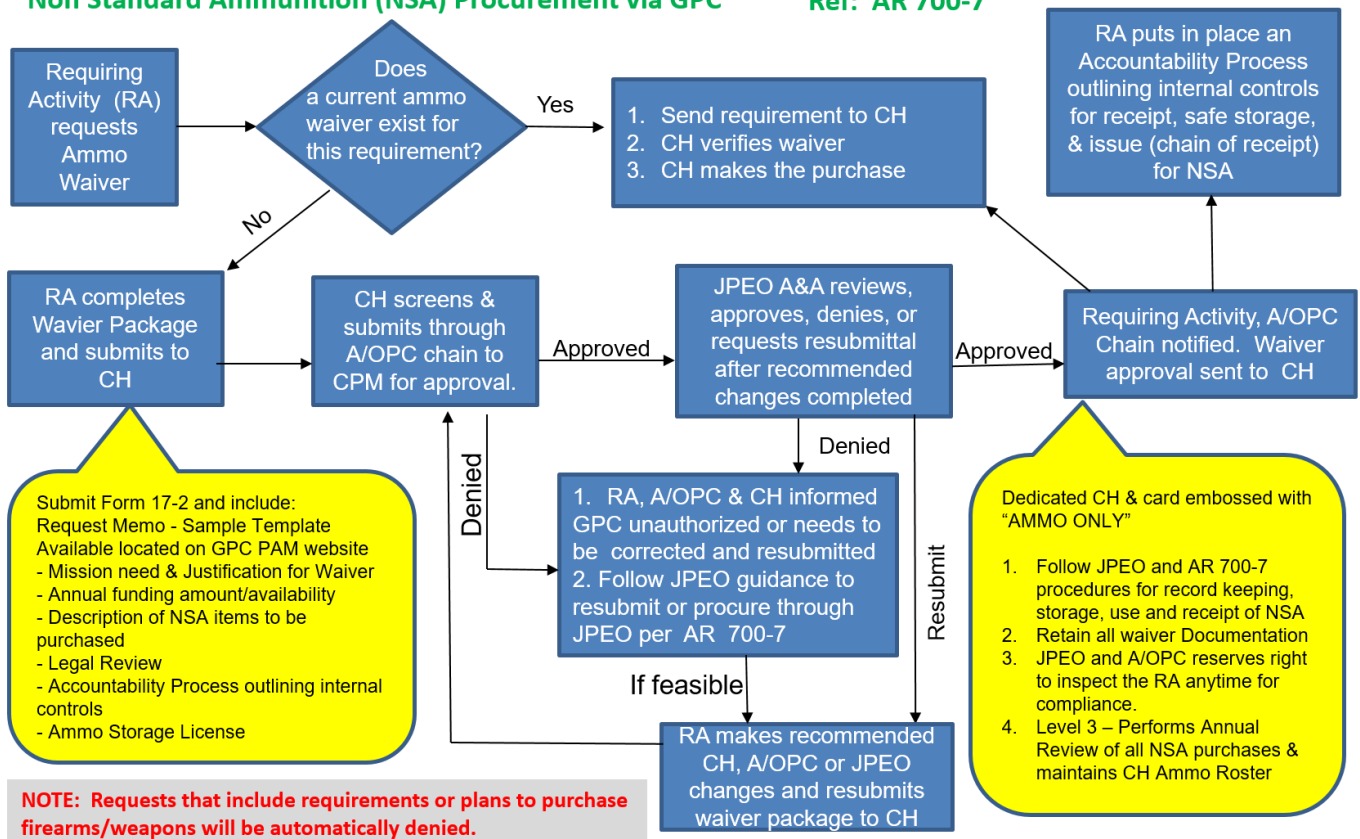
Note 2: Each approved organization must submit an annual report of expenditures to ODASA(P) and JPEO A&A (See Section 16-7d.)

## **16-7. NSA Exception Process**

Figure 16-1: Army NSA Exception Process

## Non Standard Ammunition (NSA) Procurement via GPC

Ref: AR 700-7



- All organizations/activities will ensure proper accountability of all NSA, whether contained in sets or issued as individual items.
- All organizations/activities will comply with safety, storage and transportation procedures in regulations and directives governing those functions including reference 16-1.b.
- The Army's goals are to maintain ammunition supply activity supply levels as close to the validated need as possible while avoiding shortfalls and overages.
- Provide an annual report of expenditures.** All organizations/activities with an exception to use the GPC to purchase small quantities of NSA are required to provide a report, through command channels, to the ODASA(P) CPM and JPEO A&A upon completion of the event for which the NSA was required and at the end of each FY. The report of expenditures is due by October 31 and must include for each munition the following information:

- Nomenclature
- Quantity procured
- Quantity and location of remaining munitions