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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Implementation of New Urinalysis Drug Testing Discrepancy Codes

After a significant amount of discussion and coordination with the Service representatives from the Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratories (FTDTLs) the Biochemical Testing Advisory Board has recommended that the enclosed list of discrepancy codes be implemented (Enclosure A).

The new codes represent a Joint Service approach to drug testing and will support additional efforts by the Service FTDTLs to create a more flexible and efficient drug testing support across the entire system. The Services will coordinate the implementation of the new codes by 4 May 2009.

Please direct all further discussion on this matter to COL Ronald Shippee, USA, Director, Drug Testing and Program Policy, at (703) 681-4348 or [ronald.shippee@tma.osd.mil](mailto:ronald.shippee@tma.osd.mil).

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Enclosure A

DoD APPROVED DISCREPANCY CODES

<b>CODE</b>	<b>CODE DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Bottle</b>	
BA	Bottle / container unauthorized
BC	Bottle leaked in shipment, quantity not sufficient to test
BD	Bottle - broken seal
BE	Bottle - no seal
BF	Bottle - two seals, no explanation
BU	Bottle empty
BZ	Bottle discrepancy - TESTED
BY	Bottle discrepancy - NOT TESTED
<b>Specimen</b>	
SA	Specimen appears to be adulterated - NOT TESTED
SB	Specimen appears to be adulterated - TESTED
SC	Specimen quantity not sufficient to test
SE	Specimen volume < 30 mL
SZ	Specimen discrepancy - TESTED
SY	Specimen discrepancy - NOT TESTED
<b>Custody Form</b>	
FA	Form - UIC or base/area code discrepant* / differs from bottle
FH	Form - date specimen collected discrepant* / differs from bottle
FL	Form not received
FM	Form received separately from bottle
FN	Form chain of custody entries (Blocks 12a-d) discrepant*
GG	Form listed specimen, no bottle received
FP	Form did not list specimen, bottle received
FR	Form on two pieces of paper - no linking identifiers
FT	Form - SSN discrepant*
GP	Form or other document contains service member's name / signature
GR	Form marked void for received specimen
GZ	Form discrepancy - TESTED
GY	Form discrepancy - NOT TESTED

<b>Package</b>	
PA	Package - no seal
PB	Package - broken seal
PD	Package missing signature/date
PZ	Package discrepancy - TESTED
PY	Package discrepancy - NOT TESTED
<b>Label</b>	
LA	Label missing/blank
LD	Label over label
LF	Label - collection date discrepant*
LJ	Label - member initials discrepant*
LL	Label - collector or observer's initials discrepant*
LN	Label - SSN does not match form
LQ	Label has service member's name/signature
LX	Label - SSN discrepant*
LZ	Label discrepancy - TESTED
LY	Label discrepancy - NOT TESTED
<b>Other</b>	
OZ	Laboratory technical discrepancy - TESTED
OY	Laboratory technical discrepancy - NOT TESTED
<b>*DISCREPANT =</b>	<b>*Incorrect, Incomplete, Illegible, Missing, Overwritten, Not Original Or Not Forensically Corrected</b>