

**[ OTS TRANSPORT SECURITY REGULATION NO.  
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**OTS K9-EDEC; SELECTION AND DEPLOYMENT**

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 277 and Executive Order No. 311 and its Implementing Rules & Regulation (IRR) and Sections 4.5.1 and 4.5.2 in the Amendment 10 of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 17, this is to define the security criteria, standards and procedures for the explosive detection and evaluation of bomb sniffing canines in all airport, seaport, rail/land terminal complexes elsewhere.

**RULE I**

**Section 1. Declaration of Policy-** To enhance and augment public security, a K-9 Explosive Detection Evaluation Committee (K-9 EDEC) is hereby organized to supervise bomb sniffing canines in all airport, seaport, rail/land terminals/complexes elsewhere in the country as designated by the Office for Transportation Security (OTS). The use of canine by law enforcement and private security agencies in the war against terrorism has gained public recognition and confidence as a cost effective and reliable tool in detecting explosives.

**Section 2. Legal Basis & Purpose-** Executive Order No. 277 as amended by Executive Order No. 311, Designating the Office for Transportation Security (OTS) as the single authority responsible for the security of the transportation systems of the country.

**Section 3. Coverage, Application and Scope-** This regulation applies to all airport, seaport & port facility, rail/land terminal elsewhere; Also, it applies to all personnel/ agencies that exercises or undertakes transportation security operations, including but not limited to security screening of sea, air & land vehicles, passengers, baggage, cargoes and others as the case maybe and/or as determined by the Administrator of the OTS.

**RULE II**

**K-9 Explosive Detection Evaluation Committee (EDEC)**

**Section 4. Canine Explosive Detection Evaluation Committee (EDEC) –** A Canine Explosive Detection Evaluation Committee (now and hereinafter referred to as K-9 EDEC) is hereby created, and is solely responsible for the formulation of guidelines, procedures, and standards in the deployment and handling of accredited canines in all airport, seaport, and rail/land terminal complexes in the country for explosive/bomb detection purposes.

**Section 5. Organization** – The OTS K-9 EDEC shall consist of the following; the OTS Deputy Administrator as Chairman, and as members; the Director for OTS-CASS or authorized representative designate; the Director for OTS-MARSS or authorized representative designate; the Director for OTS-LARSS or authorized representative designate; and the Director for Legal, Policy Research & Adjudication Service or authorized representative designate.

**Section 6. Technical Evaluation Group** – A Technical Evaluation Group (TEG) is hereby created to assist the K-9 EDEC which shall be composed of President of Philippine Utility Dogs Association (PUDA) and representatives from the K-9 Units of Philippine National Police-Aviation Security Group (PNP-ASG), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), National Capital Region Police Office-Regional Special Action Unit (NCRPO-RSAU), Philippine Air Force (PAF), and Presidential Security Group (PSG). The Chair is to be designated by the OTS Administrator from its composition.

### **RULE III**

#### **Powers & Functions of K-9 EDEC**

##### **Section 7. Powers and Functions of OTS K-9 EDEC-**

- 7.1 Screen, examine and ensure that Explosive Detector Dog (EDD) Teams to be employed and or deployed are properly trained, highly efficient, duly certified by accredited institutions and reliable. An EDD Team refers to a one dog-one handler team.
- 7.2 Promote public confidence and trust in the deployment of bomb sniffing canines.
- 7.3 Standardize criteria in the evaluation of canine (K-9) Teams.
- 7.4 Certify K-9 Teams as to their reliability and effectiveness in the conduct of bomb searches.
- 7.5 Establish K-9 explosive detection quality control standards for explosive detector canines to be deployed in airports, seaports, and rail/land terminals/complexes elsewhere as directed by OTS.
- 7.6 Conduct test and determine the efficiency of every explosive detector canine based on standards or benchmark and thereafter cause the approval and issuance of the proper Certificate of Efficiency (CE) for each explosive detector K-9 Team that has satisfactorily passed the quality control standards.
- 7.7 Keep all necessary canine documentation/registration and identification papers.
- 7.8 Ascertain that only certified explosive detector canine shall be deployed in all vital installation, infrastructure and commercial establishment. A duly issued certificate of efficiency shall be cancelled by the OTS Administrator on recommendation of the K-9 EDEC chairman upon failure by the explosive detector K-9 Team to pass the quality control standard audit or testing.
- 7.9 Maintain a roster of K-9 teams that have been certified by the Committee and monitor their activities to ensure that they comply with the conditions set forth in their accreditation.
- 7.10 Identify and maintain roster of units/agencies that utilizes explosive detector dogs owned by private agencies.
- 7.11 Identify, inspect & accredit K-9 training facilities to determine whether these facilities conform to the basic training program which