



## **SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES EXERCISE CHALLENGE 2019**

### **SUBJECT: Special Operations Forces Exercise Challenge 2019 (SOFEC 2019) – Team Instructions.**

- 1. Purpose:** To provide guidance for the execution of the SOFEC 2019, from May 26 to June 02, 2019.
- 2. Registration Deadline:** February 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. SOFEC2019 is a cross-training mode exercise with a competitive character intended to test the technical-tactical abilities towards the accomplishment of Special Operations tasks. Participating forces are invited by the Portuguese Chief of Defense Staff (PRT CHOD).
- 3. Team Member Requirements:** Each team consists of six (6) members: four (4) competitors, one (1) reserve and one (1) team leader. All team members are considered as operators and can alternate prior to the start of any event or task. Any event or task has to have a minimum of 4 operators and the change of operator while the event or task is under execution is not allowed.
- 4. Team Safety Considerations:** Hazards during SOFEC2019 include: Heat, live fire while moving, exposed climbing, maneuvering through obstacles, explosive detonations and moving over sea waters. Portuguese Armed Forces will conduct risk



assessments to mitigate the risk. Each team is responsible for conducting one's own risk assessment and safety for each event and task.

**5. Media Registration:** Media registration to access SOFEC 2019 must be done until April 30, 2019. The registration should be done through PRT CHOD cabinet Public Affairs and Protocol Cabinet.

**6. Team Equipment:** Annex A to this document, details the minimum equipment that each team must carry for SOFEC 2019. On the briefing of each event or task it will be detailed the list of the equipment, which each team must carry. Failure to comply with the list will result in a team penalty, including disqualification.

**7. Ammunitions:** All the ammunitions for the events or task will be providing by the Portuguese Armed Forces, including the ones needed for weapons zeroing. Sniper ammunitions are responsibility of each team. Each team must bring for SOFEC 2019 a maximum of 100 sniper ammunitions. Sniper ammunitions must be ball ammunitions and cannot exceed .308 caliber. Portuguese Armed Forces will provide the following type of ammunitions:

- **9mm**
- **5,56mm**
- **Shot gun (Caliber 12)**
- **Simunition**

**8. Accommodation, meals and Beverages:** Portuguese Armed Forces will provide accommodation in barracks for all participants. Breakfast and dinner will be hot meals and will be served in a dining facility. Pending on SOFEC 2019 events and tasks schedules lunch will be a hot meal or a snack. Bottled water will be available.



**9. Travelling and Airport procedures:** Travel arrangements are responsibility of each participating team. All teams are kindly requested to arrive to Madeira Airport no later than (NLT) 242400MAY19 and depart NLT 022400JUN19. Staff from SOFEC2019 will be available at the airport to assist and facilitate arrivals and departures through customs and immigration. Whether VISA is required to enter the Portuguese territory it will be a team's responsibility. All participants are requested to provide names and flight details, as soon as possible, to the following email addresses: [sofec@emgfa.pt](mailto:sofec@emgfa.pt) or [fonseca.dcv@emgfa.pt](mailto:fonseca.dcv@emgfa.pt).

**10. Shipping of weapons, ammunitions and military equipment:** Portuguese laws are to be followed concerning the export and import of the participating team's weapons, ammunitions and military equipment. Teams are requested to coordinate the properly arrangements with customs. The following address should be used for shipping :

Regimento de Guarnição Nº 3  
Address: Rua Corveta Estefânia, Nazaré - São Martinho 9001-601 Funchal Portugal  
Telephone: +351 291 7615 597  
Fax: +531 291 765 569  
Email:rg3@mail.exercito.pt

**11. Transport Arrangements:** Portuguese Armed Forces will provide the pick-up from and to Madeira Airport. Also the support to SOFEC2019 events and tasks. Special transport needs are to be requested NLT 061700MAY19. Rent a car agencies are available in Madeira Island. Teams who rented a car are kindly asked to provide the identification plate to SOFEC 2019 staff in order to provide parking inside barracks. The renting cost is responsibility of each team.

**12. Store of Weapons, ammunitions and military equipment:** Weapons and military equipment will be stored in a safety arms store room. Participating teams are requested to supply their own weapons bags and boxes with country/team identification. All ammunitions will be stored in a central store.



**13. Other Information:** On May 25 2019 (hours to be determined) there will be a general information briefing about SOFEC2019. More detailed administrative instructions will be presented. Daily, a briefing on the next day activities, will be conducted.

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