



SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES EXERCISE CHALLENGE 2020



SUBJECT: TEAM INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Purpose:** To provide guidance for the execution of the SOFEC, from June 01 to June 10, 2020.
- 2. Registration Deadline:** March 25th 2020.
SOFEC20 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 SOFEC20 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 SOFEC20 must be done until April 30, 2020. The registration should be done through PRT CHOD Public Affairs and Protocol Cabinet.
- 6. Team Equipment:** Annex A "Equipment List" document, detail the minimum equipment that each team must carry for SOFEC20. At the briefing for 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 provided by the Portuguese Armed Forces, including the ones needed for weapons zeroing. Portuguese Armed Forces will provide the following type of ammunitions:



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- **9mm**
- **5,56mm**
- **Shot gun (Caliber 12)**
- **Sniper (.308 caliber)**
- **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 SOFEC20 events and tasks schedules lunch will be hot meal or 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 Lisbon Airport no later than (NLT) 291200MAY20 and depart not earlier than (NET) 111800JUN20 (TBC) from Lisbon. Staff from SOFEC20 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 or fonseca.pef@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 and military equipment. Teams are requested to coordinate the properly arrangements with customs. The following address should be used for shipping:

Regimento de Transportes

Address: Av. Dr. Alfredo Bensaúde 1849-010 LISBOA - PORTUGAL

11. Transport Arrangements: Portuguese Armed Forces will provide the pick-up from and to Lisbon Airport. Transport between Lisbon and Madeira Island and to support SOFEC20 events and tasks will be guaranteed also by Portuguese Armed Forces. Special transport needs are to be requested NLT 061700MAY20. Rent a car agencies are available in Madeira Island. Teams who wish to rent a car are kindly asked to provide the identification plate to SOFEC20 staff in order to provide parking inside barracks. The renting cost is responsibility of each team.



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

13. Other Information: On May 31 2020 (hours to be determined) there will be a general information briefing about SOFEC20. More detailed administrative instructions will be presented. A briefing on the next day activities will be conducted daily.

ANNEX A – EQUIPMENT LIST