



PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE SOLDIER

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Product Manager

Clothing and Individual Equipment

Certification Program

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Purpose

Allow Soldiers and their leadership to readily identify clothing and equipment purchased on the commercial market as meeting the same stringent, safety, dependability and durability standards as the clothing and equipment they are issued



Program Overview

- PM CIE developed procedures to evaluate and certify certain commercial items
- Lists of certified items (Authorized Product Lists or APLs) provided to Army commands and AAFES
- AAFES will procure APL items, display posters detailing the APL items, and segregate APL items from other similar items



Certification Logo

All certified gear will be marked with a trademarked logo



Official Unveiling Scheduled for June



Program Benefits

- Soldiers know item has been certified prior to purchase
- Leaders can quickly verify if Soldiers are using certified gear
- Elimination of potential battlefield hazards
- Allows for insertion of technical improvements while maintaining product integrity



Vendor Benefits

- Allows vendors to distinguish their products as meeting safety, dependability, and durability standards
- Trademark protection helps to eliminate “knock offs”
 - Exploring use of Logo on Issue Gear



Vendor Responsibilities

- List of procedures and rules developed for each Approved Product List (APL)
 - Product design
 - Process control
 - Advertisement
 - Retention/revocation of Authorization

- Participating vendors obligated to sign verifying they understand and will follow procedures



Approved Product Lists

- Current APLs

- FR Combat Gloves – Implemented
 - Expecting Logo Gloves in AAFES end of May
- Family of Flashlights – Finalizing
- Ballistic Protective Eyewear

- Future APLs

- Based on Soldier surveys, user feedback, and recognition of new technology advancements



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