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## Cancellation and Reduction Processes

### 10.1 Introduction

10.1.1 The cancellation and reduction processes allow clearance organizations to change the status of a Suspected Hazardous Area (SHA), minefield or battlefield, which has been found not to represent a risk from mines and UXO. This change in status will be the result of more accurate and reliable information, and will normally only be authorized by the Area Mine Action Center (AMAC), in accordance with AMAS. The documentation of all cancelled or reduced areas shall be retained together with a detailed explanation of the reasons for the change in status.

### 10.2 Scope

10.2.1 This standard specifies the minimum requirements for the process to cancel or reduce suspected hazard areas in Afghanistan.

### 10.3 Definitions

#### 10.3.1 Cancelled Area

An area previously recorded as a hazardous area which subsequently is considered, as a result of actions other than clearance, not to represent a risk from mines and ERW.

Note: This change in status will be the result of more accurate and reliable information, for example from technical survey, and will normally only be authorized by the MACCA, in accordance with national policy. The documentation of all cancelled areas shall be retained together with a detailed explanation of the reasons for the change in status.

#### 10.3.2 Area Reduction

The process through which the initial area indicated as contaminated (during any information gathering activities or surveys which form part of the GMAA process) is reduced to a smaller area.

Note: Area reduction may involve some limited clearance, such as the opening of access routes and the destruction of mines and ERW which represent an immediate and unacceptable risk, but it will mainly be as a consequence of collecting more reliable information on the extent of the hazardous area. Usually it will be appropriate to mark the remaining hazardous area(s) with permanent or temporary marking systems.

Note: Likewise, area reduction is sometimes done as part of the clearance operation.

### 10.4 Cancellation Criteria

10.4.1 For an area already recorded as a hazardous area to be cancelled from IMSMA the following procedure should be followed:

- a) The clearance organization shall conduct a comprehensive assessment, and
- b) Once the cancellation criteria have been met then complete the Cancellation Report Form and forward this to the Area Manager of respected AMAC for agreement.

### 10.5 Cancellation Report Form

10.5.1 The Cancellation Report Form shall be completed by the clearance organization requesting cancellation of a suspected hazardous area and should include the following:

- a) Name and signature of the Clearance Organization.
- b) Name and contact details of a minimum of two landowners /community focal points or approved representatives of the area in which the hazardous area refers to.
- c) Recommendation for cancellation by the Clearance Organization.
- d) Approval of cancellation by the Area Manager.
- e) Detailed maps and photographs of the area.

10.5.2 An example of the Cancellation/ Reduction Report Form is attached at Annex A to this Chapter.

## **10.6 Cancellation Procedure**

10.6.1 Once the criteria information required of the Cancellation Report Form has been compiled by the Clearance Organization, the landowner(s), and or designated representative, then the clearance organization shall request the AMAC approve the cancellation.

10.6.2 If the AMAC agrees then the Cancellation Report Form should be completed and signed by all relevant personnel and the information is then entered into IMSMA. A flow chart showing the cancellation procedure is at Annex B of this Chapter.

## **10.7 IMSMA Action**

10.7.1 All hazardous areas that have been cancelled shall be retained in IMSMA for future reference or in the event of additional information or review.

## **10.8 Post Cancellation Review**

10.8.1 All Hazardous areas that have been cancelled may be subject to post cancellation review in accordance with AMAS Chapter 9.

## Annex A – Cancellation Report Form for Recorded Impacted Areas

IMSMA Recorded Community No: \_\_\_\_\_ Nearest Town/Local Name: \_\_\_\_\_

IMSMA Recorded SHA No: \_\_\_\_\_ Minefield No: \_\_\_\_\_ Area sqm cancelled \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Grid Reference - X/ Easting/ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Y/ Northing/ Lat: \_\_\_\_\_

### Criteria

1. The following criteria must be met for a recorded Impacted Area to be “CANCELLED”.

Ser	Question	YES	NO	Remarks
1	Was a comprehensive Survey completed of the suspected area and its surroundings?			
2	Was the Landowner/ User located and interviewed?			Two (2) local contact persons who know the area must be interviewed
3	Does the Landowner(s) agree with the assessment that the area is Mine / UXO free?			Landowner plus one other must sign the CANCELLED Area Report form in English and National Languages
4	Is the area being used on a regular basis?			
5	Has any development occurred in the area since the SHA/MF report was submitted?			

2. If “YES” is indicated for all serials then the area **shall** meet the criteria to be “CANCELLED” and you are to complete the Cancelled Area Report and proceed as per the Cancellation Procedures Flowchart (see Annex B to AMAS Chapter 10).
3. If “NO” is indicated for serials 1,2 or 3 then the area may **not** be accepted for cancellation and further survey will need to be conducted.
4. If “NO” is indicated for serials 4 or 5 then the area may meet the cancellation criteria but annotate in Remarks why NO is marked.

"All relevant parties have reviewed the details of the above cancellation request and physically observed the area, and the recommendation is:

Agree to cancel the area.

Do not agree to cancel the area.

**Comments:** "No mine/ UXO hazards were located during a comprehensive LIS Level 1 Survey, therefore it is requested that this previously recorded impacted area is to be cancelled and the status should be closed in IMSMA."

"We the undersigned agree that the reported hazardous area should be cancelled in accordance with AMAS requirements"

**Clearance Organization**

**AMAC Representative**

Name: .....

Name: .....

Signature:.....

Signature:.....

Date: .....

Date: .....

**Local Contact Person No.1\***

Name: .....

Occupation: .....

Address: .....

Phone: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....

**Local Contact Person No.2\***

Name: .....

Occupation: .....

Address: .....

Phone: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....

**Form Completed By:**

**Recommended By:**

Team No: \_\_\_\_\_

AMAC Operations Associate

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved By:**

AMAC Area Manager

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Annex B - Cancellation Flow Chart

