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Subject: Non-Leather Flight Boots IALSE Guidance Clarification

Area of Concern: PPE/IALSE

Distribution: All Aviation Personnel

Discussion: Current [IALSE Handbook](#) guidance references the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory [USAARL-approved boot list](#) when addressing authorization for non-leather flight boots. Recent clarification identified that this reference is no longer current.

The USAARL boot list cited in the IALSE Handbook is no longer actively maintained; however, boots included on that list remain approved for use. Approved boots are now managed through the Air Force Safe-to-Fly (StF) Boot List, which serves as the current standard for approved boots.

As a result:

- Boots listed on the USAARL list remain approved for flight use if serviceable.
- The USAARL list is no longer updated and does not include newly approved boots.
- The Air Force StF Boot List is the current source for newly approved flight boots.

The U.S. Army Natick Soldier Systems Center has confirmed this policy alignment remains current as of February 16, 2026.

How to access the most up-to-date list:

The Air Force StF Boot List is the current source for approved boots. The current Air Force StF Boot List can be found [on the DOI Aviation Safety website](#). This memorandum will be reviewed periodically and updated as needed to ensure the most current information is available.

Bottom Line:

Aviation personnel should no longer rely on the USAARL boot list when determining compliance. Approved boots must be verified against the current Air Force StF Boot List to ensure they meet flight requirements.

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