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### DoD Announces Installation Realignment in Netherlands

The Department of Defense announced today that the United States would cease operations at the Army Prepositioned Site (APS) at Egelshoven, Netherlands.

Due to U.S. European Command force structure realignment and transformation, and the attendant reduction in storage requirements that has occurred in the central region of Europe during the past several years, the U.S. Army storage facility at Egelshoven has been identified as excess to the Army's needs and will begin the process to be returned to the host nation.

Consequently, Army Field Support Battalion-Egelshoven will be inactivated and U.S. operations at APS Egelshoven will cease by the end of September 2006. These actions are expected to save \$13.1 million annually, and will affect eight U.S. service members, thirteen DoD civilian employees, 28 host nation employees, and 144 host nation contractors. As with all stationing actions, the United States has coordinated with host nation officials before this announcement.

For additional information regarding this announcement, please contact Army Field Support Brigade Europe public affairs at +49-621-487-5022.



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### RETURN OF APS SITES IN EUROPE

In support of the Department of the Army's prepositioned stocks (APS) drawdown plan, two installations in Central Europe will be returned to the host nations, and one site will be reduced.

The APS sites scheduled for closure are Coevorden, The Netherlands and Zutendaal, Belgium. The site scheduled for reduction is Eyselshoven, The Netherlands.

The strategy engaged in the reshaping of the APS in Europe optimizes long-term U.S. interests, while also recognizing possible operational and resource constraints. The United States is cognizant of the unsettling effects of this decision for our highly valued local employees at these installations and regrets any disruptions to them.