Information Notice on Personal Data Processing  
(Articles 13 and 110 of Data Protection Code)

The Italian Institute of Health - Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS) – informs the personnel of Ministry of Defense that the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Defense have commissioned a project of epidemiological monitoring in the framework of the medical research project (Article 12bis of Legislative Decree nr. 502/1992 – Reorganization of Regulations in Medical Domain). Such a survey is aimed to assess if the incidence of neoplasia in military personnel deployed to Balkans is within the expected rate found in an adequate sample population that encompasses personnel of Carabinieri Corps who have never been deployed to theaters abroad.

For this purpose, the Ministry of Defense will supply ISS (the Data Controller) with personal data (name, surname, date of birth, place of birth, place of residence, Armed Force, military Unit in Italy, rank) of military deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina or Kosovo from 1/1/1995 to 31/12/2004 and the data of a military sample serving in Carabinieri Corps (same age range; never been deployed abroad; in active service in the above mentioned time span).

The incidence of malignant tumor diagnosis in the two groups will be assessed, and the condition of all survey subjects will be ascertained as of 31/12/2006.

Death cause will be verified through data crossing with national ISTAT data base (which do not report death cause).

Possible neoplasia diagnosis will be verified through data crossing with national data base of Hospital Discharge Papers supplied by the Ministry of Health.

At the end of data collecting process, personal data of the subjects will be replaced with codes in order to allow further statistical processing and analysis. Survey data will be processed only by ISS, National Centre for Epidemiology, Surveillance and Health Promotion (Data Processor is Mr. Riccardo Capocaccia of CNESPS) and at the end of the survey data will be rendered completely anonymous.

Survey findings will be reported only in aggregate and individually non-identifiable form.

At any time data subjects can: access their own personal data; have inaccurate and/or incomplete data updated, rectified or supplemented; object to the processing of one's own data on legitimate grounds; obtain erasure or blocking of data by writing to or contacting:

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1 The Data Controller is the natural person, company, association or other entity that is factually in control of the processing of personal data and is empowered to take the essential decisions on the purposes and mechanisms of such processing including the applicable security measures.

2 Centro Nazionale di Epidemiologia, Sorveglianza e Promozione della Salute (CNESPS).

3 The Data Processor is the natural person, company, association or organization the Data Controller has entrusted with specific data processing management and control tasks on account of the relevant experience and/or skills.