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Health risks caused by burn pits – need to sound the alarm?



Burn pits are continuously burning fires, where troops on a mission abroad burn all kinds of waste, from foods to medicines, plastics, tyres, ...

The smoke generated by burn pits is not the most healthy one.

President Jan Kropf of our member organisation ACOM in the Netherlands reports on hundreds of military personnel having sought the advice from jurists because they suffered from health complaints

which presumably had been caused by burn pits.

Whether these complaints have effectively been caused by poisonous damps from burn pits needs to be established.

President Kropf has asked the Sector of Deliberation of Defence about the current state of affairs in this dossier. If military personnel have effectively been victim to serious health complications as a result of burn pits, a regulation needs to be urgently worked out and implemented.

Moreover, members of the Military who have sought advice outside Defence, are invited to still report services of Defence on possible health complaints they have suffered from and inform their trade union of any material, images or films, they can share in this respect.

