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SUBJECT: Sales of Privately Owned Firearms and Ammunition

1. References:

a. Message, HQ USAREUR/7A, AEUPE-TAPOD, 261730ZSEP00, subject: Privately Owned Firearm Restrictions in Germany – Revision to Special Instructions (encl 1).

b. Memorandum, HQS USAREUR/7A, AEAJA, 20 May 02, subject: Command Policy Letter 31, Possession of Privately Owned Firearms (German Only) (encl 2).

c. USAREUR Regulation 190-6, 4 Jun 02, subject: Registration and Control of Privately Owned Firearms and Other Weapons in Germany.

d. Army Regulation 215-1, 25 Oct 98, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities.

2. In order to comply with German federal law regarding the possession of privately owned firearms (POF), the Commanding General has directed several actions to USAREUR POF owners and staff offices. These include: a ban on importation by incoming personnel of POFs not covered by a Weapons Possession Card (*Waffenbesitzkarte- WBK*)(reference 1a), a punitive order to POF owners that restricts transportation of their weapons to an arms rooms or rod and gun club storage area only (reference 1b), requirement for approval from USAREUR Vehicle Registry on sales of POFs (reference 1c), and termination of firearms and ammunition sales to MWR patrons at USAREUR Rod and Gun Clubs except as provided in paragraph 3 below.

3. USAREUR Rod and Gun Clubs may sell firearms and ammunition to MWR patrons (defined in reference d, paragraph 6-2 and Table 6-1.) only under the following conditions:

a. Purchasers must have a valid WBK and the new POF must be added to their WBK. POF must be registered with USAREUR.

b. Purchasers without a valid WBK:

(1) The POF will remain on layaway with a deposit and released once properly registered and full payment received.

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(2) An individual may have the opportunity to meet the WBK's six-month sport shooting participation prerequisite, but the individual must secure the POF in the rod and gun club storage area adjacent to the range and the purchaser can only use the POF at the range operated by the selling rod and gun club and cannot transport it off the premises. Additionally, he may not take possession of the POF until a WBK is issued for that specific POF.

c. Only authorized MWR patrons may purchase ammunition.

(1) Purchasers must possess a valid POF registration with the U.S. Forces and a WBK denoting the type of ammunition required.

(2) Individuals may purchase ammunition at the rod and gun club for immediate use with rod and gun club owned weapons or for use in their POF incidental to obtaining a WBK (paragraph 3c)

d. Notwithstanding pararagraph 3c, General Officers and Members of the U.S. Forces with Special Status, or individuals who have special status authorizing them to carry firearms as part of their official duty (and who possess military badge/credentials to authenticate such authority) have authorization to purchase ammunition for their particular firearm without need to show USAREUR or German weapons registration

e. IAW reference 1c, paragraph 9g, retired U.S. Forces personnel who do not qualify as members of the civilian component or as a spouse according to international agreements may purchase firearms and ammunition only if they possess:

(1) DD Form 2 (RET) United States Uniformed Services Identification Card (Retired).

(2) A valid German customs certificate.

(3) A WBK issued by local German police authorities normally at an *Amt fur Offentliche Ordnung* (German registration office).

4. The above restrictions stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above are necessary to protect U.S. Forces personnel from prosecution under the German Weapons Law.

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5. Additional POF information is available on the DCSPIM web site under the MWR link at http://www.per.hqusareur.army.mil.

6. HQ USAREUR/7A point of contact is Mr. Webb, DSN 379-7660, email webba@hq.hqusareur.army.mil.

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