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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Support Activity Area III Policy Memorandum #48 Exception to Policy for Privately Owned Vehicles (POV)

1. Reference: USFK Regulation 190-1, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, dated 7 November 2001.

2. Purpose: To establish guidelines to govern requests for exception to policy for privately owned vehicles.

3. Applicability: This memorandum applies to all individuals covered under the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) that reside within Area III.

4. General: Only one POV may be registered with a USFK motor vehicle recorder and only one duty-free POV may be owned by SOFA status personnel. Driving privileges and ownership of POVs fall into two categories: those IAW USFK Regulation 190-1 and exceptions to USFK Regulation 190-1 granted by the area commander. Personal convenience is not a basis for approval of a request for an exception.

a. Personnel granted the privilege of owning and operating a POV IAW USFK Regulation 190-1 fall into one of the following categories:

(1) Personnel in a command sponsored status regardless of grade.

(2) Personnel in a joint domicile status authorized a POV on their orders.

(3) A member of the US Armed Forces in the grade of E5 or above.

(4) Department of the Army (DA) civilians in the grade of GS 5 or above, USFK technical representatives, and invited contractors.

(5) U.S. citizens or third country nationals employed by invited contractors, who have SOFA privileges.

(6) Any member of USFK or its civilian component authorized shipment of a POV at government expense.

b. Exceptions to policy to own and operate a POV for individuals not authorized in the categories contained in paragraph 4(a) or individuals desiring a second POV will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The following criteria will be used in evaluating requests:

(1) Extreme family hardship or medical condition that can only be resolved through the ownership of a privately owned vehicle (POV) or a second POV.

(2) When approval substantially contributes to the accomplishment of the military mission.

(3) Personnel assigned to command sponsored positions that are serving in family member restricted area with their families residing elsewhere in Korea.

(4) Volunteer work and/or participation in family readiness groups will be considered but do not constitute grounds for automatic approval.

c. Motorcycles may be registered as a second POV without an exception to policy. However motorcycle registration beyond the 2nd POV must be processed as an exception to policy.

d. The following documentation must accompany the request:

(1) Individual request detailing the justification as to why an exception to policy should be granted. Indicate command sponsorship status in this request.

(2) Endorsement(s) from the individual's chain of command, to include an O-6 commander.

(3) If the request is based upon on medical reasons, then it must be accompanied by official medical documentation.

(4) For requests involving severe impairment of a unit's mission, the request must document the past expenditure of TDY funds for use of the individual's POV. Requests in this category must be staffed through the Area III Transportation Motor Pool (TMP) and include TMP's documentation as to the number of non-tactical vehicles assigned to the unit.

(5) Requests for POV exception to policy will be limited to two submissions within a six month period. Requests that are submitted without the proper documentation, to include chain of command endorsement(s), will be returned without action.

e. IAW USFK Regulation 190-7, a 192EK (Temporary Vehicle Pass), may be issued for a period not to exceed 14 days. This measure is intended to be used when the SOFA plated vehicle is inoperative, temporarily unavailable, or insufficient to meet specific needs such as the visit of an extended family. Individuals desiring a temporary vehicle pass based on these circumstances must submit a written request to the installation commander.

f. **Annual revalidation is required.** Revalidation requests are due to this office **NLT 30 days** prior to expiration of the exception to policy memorandum.

5. Point of contact: Requests for exception to policy or questions regarding the policy should be addressed to the Commander, USASA Area III, Attn: PMO at DSN 753-6614.

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