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## UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON YONGSAN (USAG-Y) POLICY LETTER # 50

### MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Exceptions to Policy (ETP) for Privately Owned Vehicles and Drivers Licenses

- 1. **REFERENCE:** United States Forces Korea (USFK) Regulation 190-1, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision. 10 May 2012.
- 2. **PURPOSE:** To establish guidelines to govern requests for ETP for privately owned vehicles and drivers licenses.
- 3. <u>APPLICABILITY:</u> This memorandum applies to all individuals covered under the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) who work or reside within US Army Garrison Yongsan (USAG-Y).
- 4. **GENERAL:** Only one privately owned vehicle (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 POV fall into two categories: those IAW USFK Regulation 190-1, and exceptions to USFK Regulation 190-1 granted by the Garrison/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. (Note: Personnel having partial command sponsorship are included, if authorized by sponsorship orders).
- (2) Personnel in a Joint domicile status authorized a POV on orders (only one vehicle can be registered per family, even if both military).

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- (3) A member of the US Armed Forces in the grade of E-7/Sergeant First Class, (US Army and US Marine Corps); Master Sergeant (US Air Force); Chief Petty Officer (US Navy); or as otherwise stated above.
- (4) Department of the Army (DA) Civilians in the grade of GS5 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. An ETP to own and operate a POV for individuals not authorized by the categories contained in paragraph 4(a) above, or individuals desiring a second POV or driver's license, 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 solved through the ownership of a POV, second POV, or driver's license.
- (2) Critical nature of the individual's work that substantially contributes to the accomplishment of the military mission. Individuals holding key positions as listed in Command Policy # 51, (Reserved Parking on USAG Y Installations) fall into this category.
- c. While a motorcycle (50cc and larger) is treated as a POV, for the purpose of the one duty- free rule (Paragraph 4(a) above), motorcycles do not count. Thus, a person meeting all the requirements of this policy may register a motorcycle as a 2d POV without obtaining an exception to policy.
  - d. The following documentation must accompany the request:
- (1) Individual's request, detailing the reason(s) for the exception to policy request, should indicate command sponsorship status. Personnel requesting an exception for driver's license for E-6 and below (to include their family members) will provide documentation as required by USFK Regulation 190-1.
- (2) Endorsement(s) from the individual's chain of command (to include an 0-6 commander) for POV and second POV. Endorsement(s) from commander (in the grade of 0-5 or above) for exceptions to driver's licenses for USFK service members in the grades of E-6 and below (to include their family members) who are non-command sponsored.

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- (3) Requests based on medical reasons must be accompanied by official medical documentation.
- (4) For a request involving severe impairment of unit mission, it is necessary to document the past expenditure of TDY funds for use of the individual POV.
  - (5) ETP request for POV or driver's license 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, will be returned without action.
  - e. Temporary ETP for Parking Status may be granted for individuals selling, buying or repairing their POV. Exceptions in this category authorize individuals to register a POV for parking only.
  - f. The USAG-Y Driver's Testing Office will ensure that only those service members in the grades of E-6 and below and /or their family members who have an approved ETP or an 0-5 commander's approval Command Sponsorship receive a POV operator's license.
  - g. Approved ETP requests are valid until the original DEROS. Individuals submitting for a DEROS extension will be required to submit another ETP NLT 30 days prior to their original DEROS. An ETP is a privilege and may be cancelled immediately upon violation of traffic laws. Approved ETP request are not an authorization to ship a POV at government expense.
- 5. Requests for exception to policy or questions regarding the policy should be addressed to the Commander, USAG Y, ATTN: Directorate of Emergency Services at 738-4361/4603.

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