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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Interim Update #1, USFK 60-1, Exchange and Commissary Services, Access to Duty Free Good

1. References:

a. USFK 60-1, Exchange and Commissary Services, Access to Duty-Free Goods, 2 August 2013

b. DODI 1000.17, DoD Commissary Program

2. Summary of changes:

a. Removes monthly Commissary purchase limits.

b. Removes requirement for proof of entitlements to enter the Commissaries and Exchanges in Korea, as purchase of duty-free goods and services are verified and recorded at the point of sale.

3. Effective immediately, Paragraph 3-4, Commissary Purchase Policy and Table 3-3, Monthly Commissary Dollar Limits Based on Family Size are deleted.

4. Effective immediately, USFK 60-1, Paragraph 4-1, Authorized Personnel, changed to:

Paragraph 4-1, Authorized Personnel. The purchase of duty-free goods is controlled by the US-ROK SOFA and U.S. laws, regulations and policies. In Korea, patrons allowed to purchase duty-free goods at the commissary and exchange must be authorized in accordance with commissary and exchange regulations as well as the US-ROK SOFA. Articles IX, XIII and XIV of the SOFA obligate the United States to make reasonable and practical efforts to restrict access to the commissary and exchange to authorized patrons and to take necessary steps to prevent abuse of the SOFA-granted tax and customs-free privileges.

(a) In order to meet our SOFA obligations, only authorized patrons are allowed to purchase duty-free goods from commissary and AAFES facilities in Korea.

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(b) Visitors into USFK commissary and AAFES facilities are authorized. However, they must be accompanied by an authorized patron and are not permitted to make purchases.

5. Effective immediately, Paragraph 4-4, Access to Duty-Free Foods Facilities, changed to:

4-4. Purchases in Duty-Free Goods Facilities.

a. An individual who seeks to make a purchase from a Commissary or Exchange shall be positively identified at the point of sale (cash register).

b. Documents required to make a purchase:

(1) Members of the Armed Forces – CAC

(2) Members of the Civilian Component – CAC

(3) Invited Contractors (ICs) and Technical Representatives (TRs) – CAC

(4) Retiree – DD Form 2 (Retired)

(5) Civilians for DoD and NAF agencies on Government issued temporary duty/temporary additional duty (TDY/TAD) orders in the ROK – ID Card and orders

(6) ICs/TRs, who meet the requirements in paragraph 4-2, on Government issued TDY/TAD orders in the ROK – ID Card and orders

(7) Others – ID Card and Ration Control Card (RCC)

Notes:

(a) UNC Form 4 (United Nations Command Identification Card) for third-country military personnel.

(b) CG Form 2838 (Merchant Mariners Document) used by Merchant Marine personnel on visiting naval vessels.

(c) USFK Form 37EK (USFK Pass/ID) used by Embassy personnel.

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6. Implementing guidance:

a. Reasonable security measures shall remain in place to ensure authorized patrons are verified and able to purchase duty-free goods at the point of sale.

b. Violations and abuse of privileges will provide a basis for suspension of Commissary and/or Exchange privileges or access or permanent revocation of Commissary and/or Exchange privileges or access by the installation commander concerned. In addition, disciplinary action may be taken against the individual if the violation(s) warrants such action, under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Civil Service, or other pertinent regulations or agreements by the installation commander concerned or other appropriate commander.

c. Signs will be posted at the entrance to Commissary and Exchange facilities stating: "Entrance restricted to authorized patrons (IAW USFK Reg 60-1) and escorted guest(s) only. Point of Sales (Cash Register) documentation verification (IAW USFK Reg 60-1) required to make a purchase."

7. Garrison/Installation Commanders, with approval from their respective Component Commanders, may request an exception to policy for this interim policy change at any time through the USFK Chief of Staff.

8. USFK Regulation 60-1 will be updated to reflect this change as soon as practical. Until that time, this memorandum will serve as interim guidance.

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