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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Customs Pink Card (German Form 0217) Automatic Extension in Response to COVID-19 – Amended from 30 June 2021 to 31 December 2021

1. United States Army Customs Agency – Europe (USACA-E) has coordinated with the German General Customs Directorate to authorize the automatic extension of expired/ expiring German Forms 0217 (Pink Cards) **through 31 December 2021**.
2. This exception eliminates the need for retirees and other “Pink Card Holders” to visit a military customs office for the issuance of a status verification, or to make the follow on trip to the responsible German customs office to obtain the “Pink Card” if their “Pink Card” was valid at least through 1 March 2020. For those “Pink Card Holders” with a “Pink Card” that expired prior to 1 March 2020, a visit to their local USACA-E field office for the issuance of a status verification is required.
3. As German Customs operates differently regionally, all “Pink Card Holders” should continue to monitor emerging guidance from their local German Customs Offices. Although the Pinks Cards themselves have again been extended, the extension is not automatically applicable to the associated monthly payments required to German Customs. To maintain current hygiene protection requirements, German Customs offices may work by appointment only or in order to avoid further traveling, allow “Pink Card Holders” to submit their receipts via mail or to provide them at a later date.
4. POCs for this memorandum are Ms. Sandra Schnoeller at DSN 537-3960, CIV 0611-143-537-3960 and Ms. Annika Vestring at DSN 537-3929 or CIV 0611-143-537-3929 or email: [usarmy.wiesbaden.usareur.mbx.nato-sofa@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.wiesbaden.usareur.mbx.nato-sofa@mail.mil).

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