

Soldiers' Response Rights in the Financial Liability Investigation of Property Loss System

1. **PURPOSE.** To inform commanders of soldiers' response rights regarding Financial Liability Investigations of Property Loss.

2. **FACTS.** The Army Financial Liability Investigation of Property Loss (FLIPL) system is described in AR 735-5, Chapter 13. The system provides a method for relief from property accountability and responsibility.

a. The soldier must meet the following deadlines for submitting a rebuttal statement:

(1) Soldiers who receive a hand-delivered FLIPL have seven days to submit a rebuttal. AR 735-5, para 13-35b(1).

(2) Soldiers in the same country as the financial liability officer who receive a FLIPL in the mail have fifteen days from the date of mailing to submit a rebuttal. AR 735-5, para 13-35b(2).

(3) Soldiers in a country different than the financial liability officer who receive a FLIPL have thirty days from the date of mailing to submit a rebuttal. AR 735-5, para 13-35b(3).

b. The rebuttal will be reviewed by the financial liability officer. A financial liability officer who believes that liability is warranted will forward the FLIPL to the approving authority for review. If an approving authority decides a Soldier should be held financially liable, the approving authority will notify the Soldier via a memorandum indicating the amount of financial liability.

c. A Soldier who is not relieved of financial liability may request reconsideration of the case by the approving authority and the appellate authority. This request for reconsideration must be based on legal errors. The request for reconsideration must be submitted within 30 calendar days after notification. It will initially be considered by the approving authority who, if he believes that continued liability is warranted, will forward the request for reconsideration and the FLIPL to the appellate authority.

d. If the appellate authority continues to hold the soldier financially liable, the soldier will be notified by memorandum. This memorandum will include notice of the soldier's right to request remission or cancellation of indebtedness (enlisted soldiers only) pursuant to AR 600-4, the soldier's right to request an extension of the collection period, or the soldier's right to submit an application to the Army Board for Correction of Military Records.