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Retail Sales of Motor Fuel to Individuals in Germany

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Summary. This regulation establishes policy and procedures for the retail sale of tax- and duty-free motor fuel to authorized personnel in Germany.

Summary of Change. This revision deletes the authorization for U.S. Forces personnel to purchase fuel coupons while being on leave in Italy (F-1b).

Applicability. This regulation applies to USEUCOM component commands; personnel assigned to NATO international military headquarters in Germany; AAFES-Eur; customers and vehicles eligible for support according to AE Regulation 190-1 or AE Regulation 600-700; personnel assigned to the Embassy and consulates of the United States of America in Germany who are not German citizens; and personnel who are assigned to U.S. diplomatic or consular posts outside Germany when on official duty in Germany pursuant to AE Regulation 600-700, chapter 21.

Supplementation. Organizations will not supplement this regulation without approval by the Business Management Branch, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G9, IMCOM-Europe.

Forms. This regulation prescribes AE Form 600-17A. AE and higher level forms are available through the Army in Europe Library & Publishing System at <https://www.aepubs.army.mil>.

Suggested Improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the Business Management Branch, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G9, IMCOM-Europe (DSN 496-5604). Users may suggest improvements to this regulation by sending DA Form 2028 to IMCOM-Europe (IMEU-MWR-A), Unit 29064, APO AE 09136-9064.

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SECTION I GENERAL

1. PURPOSE

This regulation prescribes policy and procedures for the retail sale of tax- and duty-free gasoline and diesel motor fuel in Germany.

2. REFERENCES

Appendix A lists references.

3. EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS

The glossary defines abbreviations and terms.

4. AUTHORITY

The sale and use of tax- and duty-free motor fuel, as well as the limited sale of taxed motor fuel, in Germany is based on the following:

- a. NATO Status of Forces Agreement (NATO SOFA) and the Supplementary Agreement.
- b. U.S.-German Administrative Agreement Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Article 74 of the Supplementary Agreement.
- c. Agreement Between the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States of America on the Status of Persons on Leave.
- d. AR 215-8, which establishes Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) policy and procedures for the retail sale of motor fuel.
- e. AE Regulation 190-1, which prescribes vehicle-registration requirements for privately owned vehicles (POVs) in Germany.
- f. AE Regulation 550-175, which establishes customs policy and customs procedures for the U.S. Forces, their military personnel, the civilian component, and their dependents stationed in Germany.
- g. AE Regulation 600-700, which prescribes policy and procedures for implementing individual logistic support privileges that may be offered to various categories of military and civilian personnel pursuant to the NATO SOFA, the Supplementary Agreement to it for Germany, and related international agreements.

h. German Federal Ministry of Finance Tax Department (IV A6-S7492-13/04) Letter, 22 December 2004, subject: Value Added Tax/Turnover Tax Relief Under Art. 67, Paragraph 3 of the Supplementary Agreement to the NATO Status of Forces Agreement (NATO SOFA SA).

i. Administrative Arrangement Concerning the Transformation of the Gas Coupon System Into a Fuel Card Program, concluded between the German Federal Ministry of Finance, represented by the Customs and Excise Department, and the U.S. Forces, represented by the CG USAREUR Customs Executive Agent, HQ USAREUR, 30 October 2009.

j. Letter, German Federal Ministry of Finance Tax Department (Referat IV B 9), 30 November 2009, subject: Sale of Taxed Fuel by AAFES Within the Scope of a Fuel Card Program.

k. Forces Customs Law (*Truppenzollrechtsänderungsgesetz*), 19 May 2009.

l. Forces Customs Ordinance (*Verordnung zur Durchführung des Truppenzollgesetzes*), 24 August 2009.

m. Letters from the Federal Chancellor to each of the three high commissioners relating to facilities for embassies and consulates, 23 October 1954.

5. APPLICABILITY

a. Area. This regulation governs the sale of rationed tax- and duty-free fuel in Germany. Separate host-nation agreements and directives govern retail sales of tax- and duty-free fuel in other countries in the USEUCOM geographic area of responsibility.

b. Organizations. This regulation applies to the organizations and persons listed in the applicability statement on the first page of this regulation.

c. Personnel. AE Regulation 600-700 identifies U.S. personnel eligible to purchase tax-free motor fuel in Germany. Appendix B provides policy for personnel assigned to the American Embassy, Berlin, and U.S. consulates in Germany. Appendix C provides policy for U.S. Forces personnel on leave, pass, and TDY; NATO personnel who are assigned to an international military headquarters (IMH) in Germany; and other eligible personnel.

SECTION II RESPONSIBILITIES

6. DIRECTOR, IMCOM-EUROPE

The Director, IMCOM-Europe, will—

a. Establish Army in Europe policy for the sale of tax- and duty-free motor fuel in Germany and oversee its implementation.

b. Establish Army in Europe policy for limited sales of taxed motor fuel in Germany.

c. Ensure training material is available for all eligible personnel on how to activate and properly use the fuel-ration card in Germany.

d. Ensure United States Army garrison (USAG) military police station personnel are trained and able to perform their fuel-ration card system responsibilities.

7. USAREUR PROVOST MARSHAL

The USAREUR Provost Marshal, as the CG USAREUR Customs Executive Agent for Germany, is the proponent for U.S. Forces customs policy, procedures, and documents. As the CG Customs Executive Agent, the USAREUR Provost Marshal will—

- a. Ensure the U.S. Forces Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) electronically transmits data on authorized personnel, vehicle license plates, authorized ration amounts for these vehicles, and approved supplemental rations to the AAFES ration-control system. This will include data on vehicles that are owned and registered, or leased and listed.
- b. Oversee the fuel-ration card system for compliance with reference 4i.
- c. Identify any deficiencies in or circumvention of requirements in the fuel-ration card system.
- d. Investigate suspected customs violations and tax evasion in coordination with German customs authorities.
- e. Conduct military police investigation (MPI) audits and customs-compliance inspections. These audits and inspections may be conducted in cooperation with German customs authorities.

8. COMMANDER, ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE, EUROPE

The Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Europe (AAFES-Eur), is responsible for—

- a. Retail sales of tax- and duty-free fuel and the limited sale of taxed fuel without profit to authorized organizations and personnel. The use of the *Abwicklungsschein* (VAT Form) for procuring taxed fuel is not authorized.
- b. Operation and control measures for fuel-ration card procedures at AAFES-Eur sales outlets. This includes the following:
 - (1) The design, storage, distribution, and control of AAFES-Eur fuel-ration cards.
 - (2) The acquisition of tax- and duty-free petroleum, oils, and lubricants (POL) with commercial fuel suppliers pursuant to the *Truppenzollgesetz* (Forces Customs Law) and reference 4h.
- c. Retail-sales control procedures to—
 - (1) Ensure required identification and documents are presented as proof-of-purchase authorization to purchase tax- and duty-free motor fuels.
 - (2) Post sales prices at retail outlets and ensure that sales of rationed fuel to authorized personnel do not exceed ration entitlements.
 - (3) Provide a means of payment and control if or when authorized personnel exceed the ration entitlement for their authorized vehicle.
 - (4) Allow limited sales of taxed fuel only in connection with the sale of rationed fuel.
 - (5) Allow control of such limited sales of taxed fuel by German Customs authorities and U.S. Forces Customs-Europe.

(6) Record sales of all fuel.

(7) Identify individual transactions in excess of the authorized rations and the total quantity of fuel sold by fuel category and provide corresponding reports on a monthly basis to the *Hauptzollamt* Hamburg-Stadt.

(8) Generate reports of incidents and suspicious incidents (for example, misuse of fuel card by nonauthorized personnel) and provide access to those reports to the CG USAREUR Customs Executive Agent or customs MPI authorities.

(9) Ensure the fuel card is blocked within 24 hours after being notified that—

(a) An authorized individual has lost SOFA status.

(b) An authorized vehicle is no longer registered with the RMV. This includes vehicle registrations that are cancelled due to expiration or insurance reasons.

(c) A nonauthorized person possesses a functional fuel-ration card.

(10) Immediately block the fuel-ration card when directed by the CG USAREUR Customs Executive Agent or U.S. Forces Customs-Europe.

(11) Enable full access by U.S. Forces Customs-Europe to query the system for compliance with all governing references (paras 4a through m).

(12) Ensure that taxed fuel is not sold to persons who do not enjoy customs/tax privileges pursuant to international law.

d. Ensuring that the AAFES ration-control system functions and meets the requirements in references paragraphs 4i and j.

e. Ensuring AAFES and contracted commercial fuel-provider personnel are trained and able to perform their AAFES ration-control system responsibilities.

f. Ensuring AAFES associates do the following:

(1) Review the customer's validated AE Form 190-1A or AE Form 550-175L and the customer's U.S. Forces ID card or other credentials (app D).

(2) Issue fuel-ration cards for U.S. Forces-registered POVs that have been issued AE Form 190-1A or AE Form 550-175L.

(3) Ensure that the customer reads and signs the AAFES Terms and Conditions for Use of the Fuel-Ration Card when receiving a fuel-ration card.

(4) Issue fuel-ration cards to eligible customers and help customers activate their cards.

(5) Help customers add prepaid cash value to their fuel-ration card accounts from any AAFES retail point of sale.

g. Ensuring retail sales associates at AAFES and contracted commercial fuel stations do the following:

(1) Review the customer's valid AE Form 190-1A registration certificate or AE Form 550-175L authorization certificate and the customer's fuel-ration card.

(2) Ensure the name on the back of the fuel-ration card matches the name on the registration certificate or authorization certificate.

(3) Ensure the customer's signature matches a signature on the back of the fuel-ration card and on the registration certificate or authorization certificate. At AAFES facilities, the sales associate will ensure that the customer signs the electronic signature-capture device and verify that the signature on the cash-register display monitor matches a signature on the back of the fuel-ration card and on the registration certificate or authorization certificate.

(4) Use the backup telephonic system to complete transactions when the automated system is not functioning.

9. PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE RATIONED FUEL

Personnel authorized to purchase motor fuel will—

a. Obtain and present documents to prove their eligibility for making tax-free purchases.

b. Sign the AAFES Terms and Conditions for Use of the Fuel-Ration Card before receiving, activating, and using fuel-ration cards for authorized vehicles. Appendix D explains document requirements.

c. Use tax- and duty-free motor fuel only for authorized personal and official purposes. Paragraph 18 lists prohibited actions.

d. Do the following to obtain the fuel-ration card while permanently stationed in Germany:

(1) Complete the applicant portion of AE Form 190-1AA and register their POV or leased vehicle with a U.S. Forces field registry station (table 1). The field registry station will issue AE Form 190-1A.

(2) Take AE Form 190-1A to the nearest AAFES location for issuing and activating fuel-ration cards (table 2).

(3) View all published video training modules and read all published training material before reading and signing the AAFES Terms and Conditions for Use of the Fuel-Ration Card.

(4) Receive fuel-ration cards from the AAFES associate, activate the cards by assigning a new personal identification number, and use the cards in accordance with this regulation, published training material, and AAFES terms and conditions.

(5) Request a replacement fuel-ration card from the sites shown in table 2 for any—

(a) Card that will expire or has become lost or no longer functions properly. AAFES will not mail replacement cards to authorized personnel.

(b) Vehicle that has a license-plate number that is different from the license-plate number shown on the back of the fuel-ration cards for that vehicle.

Table 1 Field Registry Stations	
Garrison/Community	Location and Telephone Number
Ansbach	Barton Barracks, building 5251, room 111, DSN 386-7280
Bamberg	Warner Barracks, building 7011, room 119, DSN 469-7580
Baumholder	Smith Barracks, building 8724, 1st floor, DSN 485-6350
Berlin	Embassy Building, room 455, civ 030-8305-2585
Buechel Air Base	Building 512b, room 209, DSN 452-7340
Garmisch	Artillery Kaserne, building 203, room 114, DSN 442-3727
Geilenkirchen Air Base	Military Customs Office, building 297, civ 02451-63-634924
Grafenwöhr	Grafenwöhr Training Area, building 530, DSN 475-6477
Heidelberg	Shopping Center, building 3850, 2d floor, DSN 370-9487
Hohenfels	Main Post, building 10, room 118, DSN 466-2842
Illesheim	Storck Barracks, building 6541, 1st floor, DSN 467-4248
Kaiserslautern	Kapaun Air Station, building 2086, DSN 489-7542
Schweinfurt	Conn Barracks, building 64, 1st floor, DSN 353-8201
Sembach Kaserne	Building 216, room 126, DSN 496-4640
Spangdahlem Air Base	Building 128, room 103, DSN 452-6695
Stuttgart	Panzer Kaserne, building 2930, 1st floor, DSN 431-2833
Vilseck	Rose Barracks, building 351, DSN 476-2626
Wiesbaden	Mainz-Kastel Housing, building 7514, room 20, DSN 334-2740
NOTES:	
1. All locations are closed on U.S. and German holidays.	
2. All locations close at noon on the last workday of the month for inventory.	
3. Customers are advised to call specific locations for operating hours.	

e. Do the following to obtain a short-term (not to exceed 30 days) fuel-ration card:

(1) If stationed in Germany, take their ID card or AE Form 600-700A, vehicle-registration document (AE Form 190-1A), and vehicle-rental contract to a garrison military police station (table 3) or a U.S. Forces customs office (table 4). Individuals who do not have a POV registered with the U.S. Forces must provide proof of stationing in Germany (for example, a copy of assignment orders, a valid AE Form 600-702A (U.S. Forces Ration Card), or a memorandum from the unit commander) to the garrison military police station or U.S. Forces customs office verifying that the individual is stationed in Germany.

NOTE: A person who has a power-of-attorney authorization to drive a POV that is owned and registered to someone else is not authorized to obtain rationed fuel for that vehicle.

Table 2 AAFES Fuel-Ration Card Issue and Activation Locations	
Garrison/Community	Location
Ansbach	Katterbach Retail Store
Bamberg	Warner Barracks Main Exchange
Baumholder	Smith Barracks Main Exchange, Smith Barracks Shoppette/Gas Station
Garmisch	Artillery Kaserne Main Exchange
Geilenkirchen Air Base	Air Base Retail Store
Grafenwöhr	Grafenwöhr Training Area Main Exchange
Heidelberg	Shopping Center Main Exchange
Ansbach	Katterbach Retail Store
Bamberg	Warner Barracks Main Exchange
Baumholder	Smith Barracks Main Exchange, Smith Barracks Express/Gas Station
Garmisch	Artillery Kaserne Main Exchange
Geilenkirchen	Air Base Retail Store
Grafenwöhr	Grafenwöhr Training Area Main Exchange
Heidelberg	Shopping Center Main Exchange, Patrick Henry Village Express
Hohenfels	Hohenfels Training Area Retail Store
Illesheim	Storck Barracks Retail Store
Kaiserslautern	Pulaski Shoppette/Gas Station
Landstuhl	Landstuhl Express/Gas Station
Ramstein	Air Base Gas Station, Kaiserslautern Military Community Center
Schweinfurt	Ledward Barracks Main Exchange, Conn Express/Gas Station
Spangdahlem Air Base	Air Base Main Exchange, Spangdahlem Express/Gas Station
Stuttgart	Panzer Kaserne Main Exchange, Patch Express/Gas Station
Vilseck	Rose Barracks Furniture Store
Wiesbaden	Hainerberg Main Exchange, Hainerberg Express/Gas Station

(2) If on TDY, official leave, or military pass in Germany, take their ID card, a copy of the vehicle-registration document or vehicle-rental contract (listing the vehicle identification number), and two copies of TDY orders, the official leave document, or military pass documents to a garrison military police station in table 3 or U.S. Forces Customs-Europe office in table 4.

(a) U.S. diplomatic or consular personnel must be on TDY to an embassy or consular post in Germany. As the basis for obtaining a short-term fuel-ration card, these personnel must provide the equivalent of TDY orders and show their diplomatic passport when they submit their application.

(b) In the case of IMH non-Sending-State personnel, the TDY must be from an IMH outside of Germany to an IMH in Germany to qualify for a short-term fuel card. AE Regulation 600-700, table 17-1, lists IMHs.

NOTE: Personnel who receive a short-term fuel ration card will use AE Form 550-175L instead of AE Form 190-1A to complete the actions in subparagraph d above. These personnel must keep all approved forms until after the short-term fuel-ration card expires. German military personnel who are assigned to a NATO IMH in Germany are not eligible to receive a short-term fuel ration card.

Table 3 Garrison Military Police Stations		
Community	Location	Telephone Numbers
USAG Ansbach	Barton Barracks, Building 5257	DSN 468-7643 civilian 0981-183643
	Illesheim Storck Barracks, Building 6518	DSN 467-4565 civilian 09841-83565
USAG Baden-Württemberg	Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village	DSN 388-2333 civilian 06221-6782333
USAG Bamberg	Warner Barracks, Building 7011	DSN 469-8700 civilian 0951-300-8700
USAG Baumholder	Smith Barracks, Building 8720	DSN 485-7546 civilian 06783-67546
USAG Garmisch	Artillery Kaserne, Building 209	DSN 440-3648 civilian 08821-7503648
USAG Grafenwöhr	Vilseck Rose Barracks, Building 2209	DSN 476-2490 civilian 09662-832490
USAG Hohenfels	Main Post, Building 358	DSN 466-2812 civilian 09472-832812
USAG Kaiserslautern	Vogelweh/Kapaun Air Base Building 2067	DSN 489-6060 civilian 0631-5366060
USAG Stuttgart	Patch Barracks, Building 2307	DSN 430-5261/5262 civilian 0711-680-5261/5262
USAG Schweinfurt	Ledward Barracks, Building 295	DSN 354-6766 civilian 09721-966766
USAG Wiesbaden	Air Base Building 1006	DSN 337-5096 civilian 0611-7055096

SECTION III FUEL-RATIONING AND RETAIL POLICY

10. FUEL-RATION AUTHORIZATIONS AND ALLOWANCES

Appendix E establishes monthly tax- and duty-free motor-fuel ration allowances. Ration allowances are governed by international agreements and are based on motor sizes. The U.S. Forces Registry of Motor Vehicles is authorized to assign ration allowances during registration. Designated commanders and their representatives also assign ration allowances for nonregistered vehicles, recreational vehicles (RVs), equipment, and machinery.

Table 4 United States Forces Customs-Europe Offices		
Community	Location	Telephone Numbers
USAG Ansbach	Barton Barracks, Building 5254, room 316	DSN 468-7842/7546 civilian 0981-183842
USAG Baden- Württemberg	Heidelberg Shopping Center, Building 3850, room 271	DSN 370-8998/7142 civilian 06221-578998
USAG Bamberg	Warner Barracks, Building 7011, room 124/125	DSN 469-7460/9312 civilian 0951-3007460
USAG Baumholder	Smith Barracks, Building 8724, room 2	DSN 485-7442/8193 civilian 06783-67441
USAG Garmisch	Artillery Kaserne, Building 209	DSN 440-3601/3801 civilian 08821-7503648
USAG Grafenwöhr	Grafenwöhr Main Post, Building 6212, room 102	DSN 475-7249/7282 civilian 09641-837249
USAG Hohenfels	Training Area, Building 10, room 118	DSN 466-2012/2745 civilian 09472-832012
USAG Kaiserslautern	Kleber Kaserne, Building 215	DSN 483-7383 civilian 0631-4117383
USAG Schweinfurt	Ledward Barracks, Building 289	DSN 354-6854/6842 civilian 09721-966854
USAG Stuttgart	Panzer Kaserne, Building 2913, room 303	DSN 431-2731/2657 civilian 07031-15-2731/2657
USAG Wiesbaden	Army Airfield Building 1038, room 201	DSN 337-6071/5188 civilian 0611-7056071
Geilenkirchen Air Base	Building 84, rooms 8 and 9	DSN 458-6087 civilian 02451-63-2227
Ramstein Air Base	Ramstein Inn Guesthouse, Building 305, room 14	DSN 480-3720 civilian 06371-473720
Spangdahlem Air Base	Building 139, room 106 and AMC Air Terminal, bldg 670	DSN 452-4500 civilian 06565-614500 or (AMC) DSN 452-8976 civilian 06565-618976

11. SUPPLEMENTAL RATIONS

As an exception, individuals may be authorized supplemental tax- and duty-free motor-fuel rations for their registered or listed POVs. AE Form 600-17A will be used to request supplemental fuel rations. Requests may be approved by company or squadron commanders for military personnel and by equivalent-level civilian supervisors for civilian employees.

NOTE: German military personnel assigned to an IMH in Germany are not eligible to supplement their standard monthly ration.

a. Permanent (Annual) Supplemental-Ration Requests. For permanent (annual) supplemental-ration requests, individuals will send their approved AE Form 600-17A by e-mail to usarmy.sembach.usareur.list.rmv-cust-svc@mail.mil or deliver it in person to the HQ USAREUR RMV Customer Service Center at Sembach Kaserne (bldg 216, rm 126, DSN 496-4640). Permanent (annual) supplemental rations may be approved based on the bona fide commuting distance between home and the workplace for a sponsor's specific vehicle. Approvals of permanent (annual) supplemental rations are valid for up to 1 year from the approval date. Sponsors must resubmit their permanent (annual) supplemental request each year, even if the vehicle registration is valid for 2 years. Approval for the renewal of a permanent (annual) supplemental ration will require another review of the commuting distance for the specific vehicle.

b. Temporary Supplemental-Ration Requests. Temporary supplemental-ration requests (AE Form 600-17A) must be sent to the RMV as prescribed in subparagraph a above. The RMV will process approved supplemental-ration requests for use from the approved vehicle's fuel-ration account for the remainder of the current month. The amount of supplemental rations will not exceed 1 month's basic ration.

12. LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM FUEL-RATION PERIODS AND PURCHASES

AAFES will issue long-term fuel-ration cards for POVs that are registered or listed with the RMV. AAFES will also issue short-term fuel-ration cards for rental vehicles and visiting POVs not registered with the RMV that have been issued AE Form 550-175L from the offices listed in table 3 and table 4. The long-term fuel-ration cards for a specific vehicle will be renewable at AAFES card issue and activation sites. The automated fuel-ration card expiration date is tied to the vehicle registration expiration date shown on AE Form 190-1A. Any delay in renewing the vehicle registration will cause the fuel-ration cards for that vehicle to be deactivated. The fuel-ration card also has a printed expiration date, shown as the month and year, on the lower right of the front side. AAFES may replace fuel-ration cards before they expire as long as the sponsor or the sponsor's spouse has a valid AE Form 190-1A. The long-term fuel-ration card must be replaced each time the vehicle license-plate number changes.

- a. Ration allowances for long-term vehicles are valid from the first day of the month to the last day of the month during the registration period.
- b. Ration allowances for short-term vehicles are valid for a maximum of 30 consecutive days.
- c. Rationed fuel will be controlled and monitored by the AAFES ration-control system.
- d. Fuel-ration cards may be used only to purchase motor vehicle fuel.

13. RENTAL AND LEASED VEHICLES

The title document for rental or leased vehicles provides the vehicle specifications and serves as the basis for determining ration allowances (app E).

a. Rental Vehicles. Authorized U.S. personnel stationed in Germany, including IMH personnel, must follow the procedures in paragraph 9e to receive a short-term (not to exceed 30 days) fuel-ration card for a rental vehicle. This does not apply to German military personnel who are stationed at IMHs in Germany.

b. Leased Vehicles. Leased vehicles are vehicles for which the contract period is 1 year or more. Applicants will complete AE Form 190-1AA to obtain AE Form 190-1A. The local vehicle registration office will issue a completed AE Form 190-1A to authenticate purchase-approval authority and to authorize AAFES to issue a long-term fuel-ration card for the leased vehicle.

14. MOTORCYCLES

Motorcycle ration allowances are based on motor size. Specific allowances are in table E-1.

15. MOPEDS AND SIMILAR VEHICLES

Ration allowances for mopeds, motor bicycles, motor scooters, and similar motorized vehicles are 100 liters of motor fuel a month. To be able to purchase rationed fuel at AAFES and Esso stations in Germany, personnel must follow the procedures in paragraph 9d to register their mopeds or similar vehicles at a U.S. Forces field registry station, receive AE Form 190-1A, and receive a fuel-ration card from AAFES. Mopeds and similar vehicles that have a nonstandard license plate must keep the license plate throughout the process of getting a fuel-ration card and when using the fuel-ration card.

16. RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINERY

Authorized fuel-ration card holders may use their existing fuel-ration card to purchase fuel for their own RVs, equipment, and machinery that use fuel (for example, golf carts, motorboats). Individuals needing an additional ration allowance for equipment of this type should follow the procedures in paragraph 11 for approval of a supplemental ration.

17. REFUNDS FOR FUEL-RATION CARD PREPAYMENTS

When sponsors deregister their long-term vehicle because of a permanent change of station or expiration term of service, or after the expiration of their short-term eligibility (for example, end of TDY in Germany, end of annual leave spent in Germany), they may request and receive a full refund from AAFES for any money left on the prepaid fuel-ration card.

SECTION IV VIOLATIONS

18. PROHIBITED ACTIONS

Persons subject to this regulation will not—

a. Obtain or attempt to obtain rationed tax- or duty-free fuel by using a registration document or ration-allowance document that—

(1) Has expired, was electronically canceled for registration expiration or insurance cancellation, or is false (for example, counterfeit).

(2) Belongs to someone else.

b. Use tax-free products for other than the operation of the vehicle or other item for which the purchase is authorized. As an exception, emergency fuel transfers of 40 liters or less to other authorized individuals are permissible. Powers of attorney do not constitute an authorization to use another individual's fuel-ration card, regardless of the status of the individual who has the power of attorney. Exceptions for nonauthorized personnel to use the fuel-ration card of an authorized individual may be approved only by the CG USAREUR Customs Executive Agent after the NATO SOFA Customs Branch, Provost Marshal Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3, HQ USAREUR, obtains consent from the German Federal Ministry of Finance.

c. Transfer tax- and duty-free motor fuel to unauthorized personnel or agencies.

d. Exceed ration allowances without an approved supplemental ration.

- e. Use rationed tax- and duty-free fuel entitlements for commercial activities or enterprises.
- f. Solicit another person to commit an action that is prohibited by this regulation.

19. CONSEQUENCES

In accordance with AE Regulation 600-1, individuals violating this regulation may be subject to—

- a. Suspension or loss of authorization to purchase tax- and duty-free motor fuel in Germany.
- b. Prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- c. Civilian employment disciplinary action under applicable regulatory guidance.

APPENDIX A REFERENCES

SECTION I PUBLICATIONS

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and the Supplementary Agreement

Truppenzollgesetz (Forces Customs Law)

FMOF IV A6-S7492-13/04 Letter, 22 December 2004, subject: Value Added Tax/Turnover Tax Relief under Art. 67, Paragraph 3 of the Supplementary Agreement to the NATO Status of Forces Agreement (NATO SOFA SA) (This document is available from the USAREUR Provost Marshal.)

FMOF IV B9-S7492/07/10008 Letter, 30 November 2009, subject: Sale of Taxed Fuel by AAFES Within the Scope of a Fuel Card Program (This document is available from the USAREUR Provost Marshal.)

Administrative Arrangement Concerning the Transformation of the Gas Coupon System Into a Fuel Card Program, concluded between the German Federal Ministry of Finance Represented by the Customs and Excise Department and the U.S. Forces Represented by the USAREUR Provost Marshal as the Customs Executive Agent for Germany, 7 January 2008; and the extension arrangements dated 14 November 2008 and 17 April 2009 (These documents are available from the USAREUR Provost Marshal.)

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AE Regulation 600-1, Regulated Activities in Europe

AE Regulation 600-700, Identification Cards and Individual Logistic Support

AE Regulation 600-702/CNE-C6F Staff Instruction 10110.1E/USAFE Instruction 34-101, Ration Policy

AE Miscellaneous Publication 600-17A, Fuel-Ration Card Trifold

AE Miscellaneous Publication 600-17C, Germany Fuel-Ration Card Issuance or Replacement Requirement

USAREUR Regulation 550-32/COMUSNAVEUR Instruction 5840.2E/USAFE Instruction 36-101, Tri-Component Directive for Italy on Personal Property, Rationed Goods, Motor Vehicles and Drivers' Licenses, Civilian Component and Technical Representative Status

SECTION II FORMS

DA Form 2028, Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms

AE Form 190-1A, U.S. Forces POV Registration/Title Certificate/*Zulassungsschein/Besitzurkunde für Privatkraftfahrzeuge*

AE Form 190-1AA, Application for Motor Vehicle Registration and Allied Transactions

AE Form 550-175L, U.S. Forces POL Authorization for Rental Vehicle or Privately Owned Vehicle Registered in Europe But Not in Germany/*Genehmigung zum Kauf von Treibstoff für einen Mietwagen oder für ausserhalb von Deutschland in Europa zugelassene Privatwagen*

AE Form 600-17A, Request and Authorization for Additional Gas or Diesel Fuel

AE Form 600-702A, U.S. Forces Ration Card

APPENDIX B
SALES OF RATIONED FUEL TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, BERLIN; AND U.S.
CONSULATE PERSONNEL IN GERMANY

B-1. ELIGIBILITY

AE Regulation 600-700 establishes tax- and duty-free motor-fuel authorizations for personnel assigned to the American Embassy in Berlin and to U.S. consulates in Germany.

B-2. REQUIREMENTS

Authorized personnel require the following to purchase tax- and duty-free fuel:

- a. Registration certificate.
- b. U.S. Forces-issued privately owned vehicle license plates or special German license plates (para B-3).
- c. Fuel-ration card.

B-3. SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

Special license plates will be issued to eligible American embassy and U.S. consulate employees. The U.S. Forces Registry of Motor Vehicles is the POC for information on special license plates.

APPENDIX C

SALES OF RATIONED FUEL TO OTHER ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL IN GERMANY

C-1. AUTHORITY

AE Regulation 600-700 explains categories of personnel who are authorized to purchase tax- and duty-free motor fuel while in Germany on official leave, pass, or TDY.

C-2. ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL

The following personnel are authorized tax-free motor fuel and must follow procedures in the basic regulation, paragraph 9e(2), to obtain short-term fuel-ration cards for owned or rented vehicles:

a. Personnel on Leave or Pass.

(1) U.S. Forces personnel on leave in Germany from a duty station in Europe or North Africa are authorized tax- and duty-free motor fuel for either a rental vehicle or their privately owned vehicle (POV) with non-German license plates.

(2) U.S. Forces military personnel who are deployed in support of military contingency operations and who are on rest and recuperation leave in Germany are authorized tax- and duty-free motor fuel.

(3) The basic regulation, paragraph 13, provides policy on purchasing tax- and duty-free fuel when using a rental vehicle.

(4) For personnel on official leave, the fuel ration will be prorated to the amount of time spent in Germany unless the recipient can show a bona fide need for additional fuel.

(5) Personnel on leave will present their leave or military pass document to request fuel for vehicles that are not registered through the U.S. Forces Registry of Motor Vehicles in Germany (including rental vehicles and POVs).

b. Personnel on TDY. U.S. Forces personnel on TDY are authorized tax- and duty-free motor fuel. Personnel renting a car must have a copy of valid TDY orders and the car-rental contract. Personnel using a POV must have valid TDY orders and the vehicle registration. For personnel on TDY, the fuel ration will be prorated to the amount of time spent in Germany unless the recipient can show a bona fide need for additional fuel (for example, taking leave in conjunction with TDY, planning to drive across Germany). Personnel on TDY will use their TDY document and their rental contract to request AE Form 550-175L that will provide eligibility for them to obtain a short-term (not to exceed 30 days) fuel-ration card from AAFES for their vehicle.

c. Family Members (Dependents) Traveling Without Sponsors. Only dependents (as defined by the NATO Status of Forces Agreement) of U.S. Forces military and civilian personnel assigned to Germany are authorized tax- and duty-free motor fuel. Dependents from other European countries and North Africa must be accompanied by their sponsor to purchase tax-free motor fuel.

d. NATO Personnel. Table C-1 summarizes authorizations for military and civilian personnel assigned to NATO international military headquarters (IMH) in Germany (including German military personnel) for purchase of tax- and duty-free fuel. Possession of a U.S. Forces POV registration or other document proving that the vehicle is listed with the U.S. Forces Registrar is required to purchase tax-free motor fuel.

Table C-1 Authorization for NATO Personnel Assigned to IMH			
Country of Personnel	IMH	Country of Personnel	IMH
Albania	Authorized	Latvia	Authorized
Belgium	Not Authorized	Lithuania	Authorized
Bulgaria	Authorized	Luxembourg	Authorized
Canada	Authorized	Netherlands	Authorized
Croatia	Authorized	Norway	Authorized
Czech Republic	Authorized	Poland	Authorized
Denmark	Authorized	Portugal	Authorized
Estonia	Authorized	Romania	Authorized
France	Authorized	Slovakia	Authorized
Germany	Authorized (note)	Slovenia	Authorized
Greece	Authorized	Spain	Authorized
Hungary	Authorized	Turkey	Authorized
Iceland	Authorized	United Kingdom	Authorized
Italy	Authorized	United States	Authorized

NOTE: German military personnel assigned at the German-Netherlands Corps in Münster are authorized to list their German-registered vehicles with the U.S. Forces Registry of Motor Vehicles and be issued a long-term fuel-ration card for use in Germany (basic reg, para 9d).

(1) German civilian personnel assigned to NATO IMH in Germany are not authorized tax- and duty-free purchases.

(2) NATO personnel assigned to an IMH in other countries are authorized to purchase tax- and duty-free motor fuel when on TDY to an IMH in Germany (AE Reg 600-700). NATO personnel will use their stationing document to list their vehicle with the U.S. Forces Registry of Motor Vehicles for long-term fuel-ration card support or use their stationing document and their registration certificate or rental contract to request AE Form 550-175L to establish eligibility for them to obtain a short-term (not to exceed 30 days) fuel-ration card from AAFES.

(3) Table C-2 prescribes prorated amounts of POL rations for personnel on leave or TDY.

Table C-2 POL Rations for Personnel on Leave, Pass, or TDY; and for Personnel Who Rent a Vehicle While Stationed in Germany	
Number of Days on Leave, Pass, or TDY	Ration Allowance (liters)
1 through 7	100
8 through 15	200
16 through 22	300
23 through 30	400

e. Reserve and National Guard Personnel Who Live in Europe. U.S. Forces Reservists and National Guard personnel are authorized to purchase tax- and duty-free motor fuel while on active duty or in monthly battle assembly drilling status in Germany.

(1) Reservists living in Europe must have orders to document their eligible status and a common access card.

(2) Reservists and National Guard personnel living outside Europe must have TDY or active duty orders (for example, annual training, active duty for training, active duty for special work, temporary tour of active duty). Orders must be stamped as stated in AE Regulation 600-702 and must indicate the appropriate pro rata motor-fuel authorization as shown in table C-2.

(3) Authorization to purchase tax- and duty-free fuel in Germany is restricted to one motor vehicle per Reservist or National Guard member. Spouses and Family members of Reserve and National Guard personnel are not authorized to purchase tax- and duty-free fuel.

(4) The following procedures apply for Reservists who live in Germany:

(a) Each Reservist who lives in Germany may identify one vehicle for special “long-term” fuel-ration card eligibility with a standard ration of 50 liters per month. Vehicles with 60 horsepower or less will be eligible for only 25 liters per month.

(b) To confirm eligibility for themselves and their individually identified single eligible vehicle, each Reservist will provide his or her vehicle information to the U.S. Forces Registry of Motor Vehicles and pay the annual registration fee. Individual reservists are responsible for identifying themselves with official documentation for their status.

(c) The Registrar will issue a vehicle eligibility certificate to eligible Reservists. The certificate provides rationed-fuel eligibility for a specific vehicle.

(d) AAFES will issue a long-term fuel-ration card for each Reservist with a valid eligibility certificate for the listed vehicle ((c) above). The long-term card that AAFES issues for the listed vehicle will expire after 3 years or when the current registration for the vehicle expires (whichever is sooner).

(e) For the month during which the Reservist has annual (2-week) training, the Reservist may submit a request in advance for supplemental rations as explained in the basic regulation, paragraph 11, to raise the ration amount for the vehicle for that month. Reservists who activate for longer than the 2-week annual training period will be eligible to request the entire standard monthly ration for each month they are in active status.

f. Other Personnel. AE Regulation 600-700 explains POL authorizations for personnel assigned to the U.S. Department of State, non-DOD Government agencies, and other authorized activities.

C-3. INELIGIBLE PERSONNEL

U.S. Forces personnel who are in Germany on leave but are not stationed in Europe or North Africa are not authorized tax- and duty-free motor fuel.

APPENDIX D DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

D-1. BASIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Personnel will present the following documents to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Europe (AAFES-Eur), sales outlet when purchasing motor fuel or when requesting issuance of a fuel-ration card:

a. A valid ID card, diplomatic passport, or other credentials (for example, documents listed in AE Reg 600-700, documents shown on AAFES-Eur Sign 9007).

b. A valid fuel-ration card, if already issued and activated.

c. An original registration certificate. The following are acceptable registration certificates:

(1) AE Form 190-1A and AE Form 190-1AA for U.S. Forces personnel.

(2) AE Form 550-175L for applicable personnel on TDY, leave, or military pass in Germany from a duty station in Europe or North Africa and U.S. Forces military personnel who are deployed to overseas military contingency operations and on rest and recuperation leave in Germany.

(3) Rental agreement for rental vehicles.

(4) Documents prescribed by AE Regulation 600-700.

D-2. SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

a. Military and civilian sponsors who are on leave and stationed in North Africa or European countries except Germany must have proof of assignment (for example, official leave orders). Dependents must be accompanied by their sponsor to obtain tax- and duty-free motor fuel.

b. Personnel on TDY must have a copy of their orders.

c. Individuals residing in the USEUCOM area with NATO status (employed by the U.S. Forces) who are called to active duty must have active duty orders and a common access card. TDY or active duty orders are required for Reservists living outside of Germany.

d. Individuals not residing in the USEUCOM area who are called to active duty in USEUCOM must have a common access card and AE Form 550-175L. TDY or active duty orders are required for Reservists who are living outside of Germany.

NOTE: Orders for the individuals in subparagraphs a through d above must be stamped as prescribed by AE Regulation 600-702 and must indicate the appropriate pro rata motor-fuel authorization as shown in appendix C, table C-2.

APPENDIX E

FUEL-RATION AUTHORIZATIONS AND ALLOWANCES FOR GERMANY

E-1. MONTHLY FUEL-RATION AUTHORIZATIONS AND ALLOWANCES

The U.S. Forces Motor Vehicle Registry will determine monthly fuel-ration authorizations based on technical data available at the Registry and data presented by the owner at the time of registration. Ration allowances are determined by the motor size (measured in horsepower (hp)) with the equivalent German ratings in kilowatt (kW) and German horsepower (*Pferdestärke (PS)*) in table E-1.

E-2. RENTAL AND LEASED VEHICLE FUEL RATINGS

Rental and leased vehicle fuel ratings will be consistent with those in table E-1 and will be based on vehicle title documents. Ration amounts for segments of days that are less than 1 month are shown on AE Form 550-175L. Leased vehicles that are listed with the U.S. Forces Motor Vehicle Registry become eligible for standard monthly rations as shown in table E-1.

Type of Vehicle	hp	kW	PS	Ration Allowances (liters)
Passenger vehicles	60 and above	44.74 and above	60.85 and above	400
	Under 60	Under 44.74	Under 60.85	200
Motorcycles	60 and above	44.74 and above	60.85 and above	300
	Under 60	Under 44.74	Under 60.85	200
RVs and equipment	10 and above	7.46 and above	10.15 and above	200
	Under 10	Under 7.46	Under 10.15	100

E-3. SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR FUEL

Supplemental motor fuel will be authorized in accordance with paragraph 11 of the basic regulation.

APPENDIX F

SALE OF RATIONED FUEL TO PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO OTHER COUNTRIES

NOTE: All eligible personnel who are stationed in Europe or North Africa but not in Germany, as shown in this appendix, are authorized to use the short-term fuel-ration card for their privately owned or rented vehicles while they are on TDY, official leave, or military pass status in Germany.

F-1. ITALY

USAREUR Regulation 550-32 establishes authorizations and policy for personnel visiting Italy.

a. Coupon books are sold only at Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Europe (AAFES-Eur), and Navy exchanges in Italy.

b. Personnel on TDY in Italy may purchase a maximum of 400 liters of tax-free motor fuel, depending on the driving-distance requirements of their TDY. Before purchasing coupons, buyers must present their ID card or passport, their vehicle registration or rental contract, and a document showing that they are on approved TDY to law-enforcement or customs officials. Law-enforcement or customs officials will provide a document that provides eligibility for the individual to purchase coupons from an AAFES or Navy Exchange. Individuals with TDY driving requirements that will exceed the consumption of 400 liters of motor fuel may contact law-enforcement or customs officials to obtain the authorization for supplemental rations.

F-2. THE NETHERLANDS

AE Regulation 550-35 establishes authorizations and policy for personnel visiting the Netherlands.

F-3. TURKEY

Retail tax-free motor-fuel coupons are not available in Turkey. AE Regulation 550-36 provides more information.

F-4. UNITED KINGDOM

Tax-free motor fuel is available only for personnel assigned in or on TDY in the United Kingdom. AE Regulation 550-33 establishes authorizations and policy.

GLOSSARY

SECTION I ABBREVIATIONS

AAFES	Army and Air Force Exchange Service
AAFES-Eur	Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Europe
AR	Army regulation
DOD	Department of Defense
hp	horsepower
ID	identification
IMCOM-Europe	United States Army Installation Management Command, Europe Region
IMH	international military headquarters
kW	kilowatt
MPI	military police investigation
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
POC	point of contact
POL	petroleum, oils, and lubricants
POV	privately owned vehicle
<i>PS</i>	<i>Pferdestärke</i> (horsepower)
RMV	U.S. Forces Registry of Motor Vehicles
RV	recreational vehicle
SOFA	Status of Forces Agreement
TDY	temporary duty
U.S.	United States
USAG	United States Army garrison
USAREUR	United States Army Europe
USEUCOM	United States European Command

SECTION II TERMS

Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Europe, fuel-ration card

A wallet-size card issued by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Europe (AAFES-Eur), to purchase tax- and duty-free motor fuel at AAFES-Eur-operated service stations or specified commercial stations in Germany.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Europe, retail service station

A facility operated by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Europe, for selling and dispensing petroleum, oils, and lubricants (including gasoline and diesel motor fuel). These stations offer fuel for privately owned vehicles of authorized personnel in exchange for cash or other acceptable form of tender in conjunction with a valid fuel-ration card and sufficient authorized fuel ration. These stations also offer commercial motor oil and similar products in exchange for cash.