



417th

Base Support Battalion

Commander's Policy

Policy Number: 10-5

Proponent: AETV-WG-WP

Date: 20 November 2003

SUBJECT: Storage of Privately Owned Firearms

1. REFERENCES:

- a. USAREUR Reg. 190-6 (12 September 2003), Registration and Control of Privately Owned Firearms and other Weapons in Germany.
- b. USAREUR Reg. 600-1, Regulated Activities of Members of the U.S. Forces, the Civilian Component, and Family Members.
- c. USAFE Instruction 31-204, Registration and Control of Privately Owned Firearms and other Weapons in Germany.

2. PURPOSE: To formally establish a policy for the storage, registration, and shipping of Privately Owned Firearms within the 417th BSB footprint.

3. SCOPE: This policy applies to all personnel who reside and or work in the 417th Base Support Battalion area of operation and have Privately Owned Firearms in their possession.

4. POLICY:

a. Storage of POFs

(1) After June 30, 2005, all POFs owned by USAREUR personnel, not registered on a WBK (regardless of whether they are in unit, community, or Rod and Gun Club arms rooms) will no longer be allowed to remain in Germany. POFs that are not registered with German authorities by June 30, 2005, or otherwise legally disposed of by that date (i.e., shipped out of Germany, turned in for destruction or sold to authorized persons) will be considered contraband and disposed of in coordination with host nation authorities. (See Figure 1)

(2) POF owners who are in possession of a valid Waffenbesitzkarte, have their firearms registered with the Host Nation authorities, and U.S. Forces, may keep their POFs and ammunition in individual or family-type quarters if they are in the rank of E-5 or above.

POF owners in the rank of E-4 and below must store the POF in the unit armsroom. POFs will be stored IAW the requirements of USAREUR Reg. 190-6, which mandates the weapon be stored unloaded, under double-lock and key. It is also recommended that POF owners take additional safety precautions for POFs stored in family quarters, i.e., use of trigger lock mechanism. Ammunition will be stored in a locked container separate from POFs.

(3) When a POF is moved to a new storage area, the owner must complete AE Form 190-6D for the POF and submit it to the RMV to update the storage location.

b. Registration. When a firearm is located in Germany, the owner must complete the following:

(1) POFs imported into Germany at Government expense: Owners may import non-restricted firearms into Germany at Government expense if the owner is in possession of a valid Waffenbesitzkarte. Specific requirements to import POFs into Germany are outlined in USAREUR Reg. 190-6, para 8. a-b.

(2) POFs acquired in Germany: Soldiers and civilians who wish to purchase a POF in Germany must first obtain a valid Waffenbesitzkarte and meet all requirements listed in USAREUR Reg. 190-6 and this policy (See Figure 2, POF Registration/Waffenbesitzkarte Requirements).

c. Application for Waffenbesitzkarte. Soldiers and civilians who wish to obtain a Waffenbesitzkarte must meet all requirements listed in USAREUR Reg. 190-6, and this policy (See Figure 2, POF Registration Requirements). Additionally, the Statement of Reliability must be signed by the applicant's commander in the rank of O-5 or above. Once the packet is completed and ready for submission, the packet must be submitted for final endorsement by the BSB Commander, before being sent to USAREUR.

d. POF Shipment. Soldiers and civilians, who wish to import a firearm into the U.S. that was previously taken out of the U.S., at any time, or was acquired outside the U.S., are subject to the requirements outlined in USAREUR Reg. 190-6, Appendix B.

e. Safety. POF owners are responsible for ensuring that their POFs are used, maintained, and stored in a safe and secure manner consistent with U.S. and Host Nation law, regulations, and common sense.

5. **PROPONENT:** 417th BSB, Provost Marshall's Office, DSN 355-8952.


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Commanding

Privately Owned Firearms Storage

FIGURE 1

<p>USAREUR POF STORAGE REQUIREMENTS UR 190-6, USAREUR Command Policy Letter 31</p>	<p><i>Waffenbesitzkarte</i> in Possession</p>	<p>Persons with POFs registered with the Host Nation authorities and the U.S. Forces, in the rank of E-5 or above, may keep their POFs and ammunition in individual or family-quarters. POFs will be stored unloaded under double-lock and key IAW USAREUR 190-6.</p> <p><i>It is also recommended that POF owners take additional safety precautions for POFs stored in family-quarters, such as use of a trigger lock mechanism to ensure the POF cannot be used in case of illegal access or to prevent the accidental discharge by children or other persons not authorized access to the POF.</i></p> <p>Ammunition will be stored in a locked container separate from POFs. When a POF is moved to a new storage area the owner must complete AE Form 190-6D for the POF and submit it to the RMV to update the storage location.</p>
	<p><i>Waffenbesitzkarte</i> not in Possession</p>	<p>POF owners whose POFs are not covered by a valid <i>Waffenbesitzkarte</i> or are not already stored in an arms room will:</p> <p>On or before 30 Sept 02, move their POFs to a Rod and Gun Club or unit arms room, ship them at <i>personal expense</i> to a storage location outside Germany, or arrange for pickup by a U.S. Government-contracted carrier for commercial storage at U.S. Government expense.</p> <p>Commanders will designate areas in unit arms rooms to store POFs.</p> <p>POFs will be withdrawn only with written approval of the unit commander, or authorized representative.</p> <p>POFs stored in unit arms rooms will be tagged with the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Name, grade, SSN, and DEROS of the owner2) Make, caliber or gauge, serial # of weapon3) Number and expiration date of registration

FIGURE 2

POF Registration/Waffenbesitzkarte Requirements

SHOOTER	USAREUR POF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS	HUNTER
<p>(Shooters and Hunters) Request FBI-NICS background check (AE Form 190-6D Part A) Turn in at local USAREUR RMV field office or mail to RMV (OPM, HQ USAREUR/7A (AEAPM-S-VR/Weapons Section), Unit 29230, APO AE 09102</p>		
<p>Join a U.S. Rod and Gun Club (RGC) or German Shooting Club</p>		<p>Complete a U.S. Forces Hunting Course (60 hours)</p>
<p>Participate for 6 months in a shooting program. RGC issues Certificate of Need. (AE Form 190-6L)</p>		<p>With NICS “proceed” (above), applicant gains unit (O-5 or higher) approval on Statement of Reliability (BOTH AE Form 215-145A (Application for hunting License) and AE Form 190-6H (Application for Weapons Possession Card))</p>
<p>Study (online guide), pass exam at USAREUR Education/USAFE Outdoor Recreation Center. Applicant receives Certificate of Exam on Technical Knowledge (AE Form 190-6K)</p>		<p>Gain validation from USAREUR or USAFE Hunting Office on AE Form 215-145A. Take this form to local German Landratsamt. Apply for and receive German hunting license.</p>
<p>With NICS “proceed” (above), applicant gains unit (O-5 or Higher) approval on Statement of Reliability (AE Form 190-6H), attaches to Application for Permit. (AE Form 190-6D, part B)</p>		<p>Attach AE Form 190-6H (Statement of Reliability) to Application for Permit (AE Form 190-6D, part B)</p>
<p>Applicant submits application and all supporting documents to BSB Commander for endorsement and final approval.</p>		
<p>Applicant submits application and supporting documents to local RMV field office or mails to USAREUR RMV (address above). RMV verifies contents and sends to German Federal Office (BVA) for approval. After review, BVA sends application to local German POF office, where applicant resides. That office reviews, decides and notifies applicant of results. If approved, applicant pays for and picks up permit.</p>		

FIGURE 3

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

_____ (unit name)
_____ (unit number)
_____ (APO)

_____ (office symbol)(190)

Date: _____

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 417th Base Support Battalion, Unit 26137,
APO AE 09031

SUBJECT: Request to Re-register a Privately Owned Firearm

1. Request exception to policy to re-register a privately owned firearm without a Waffenbesitzkarte.
2. IAW UR 190-6 and USAREUR Command Policy Letter 31, Possession of Privately Owned Firearms, the weapon listed below will be stored in the unit arms room before 30 Sep 02 if the owner does not possess a valid waffenbesitzkarte for the weapon.
3. I request to re-register this weapon:

Weapon:

Make: _____

Model: _____

Caliber: _____

Serial #: _____

Date registration expires: _____

4. Verified by Field Registration Office: All weapons registered to this applicant DO / DO NOT have current registrations.

Clerk Name: _____

Clerk Signature: _____

5. Applicant Information:

Full Name and Grade: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Subject: Request to Re-register a Privately Owned Firearm

Unit Address and duty phone number: _____

6. Unit Commander's/Activity Supervisor's Endorsement:

Recommend Approval / Disapproval (circle one)

Additionally, I certify that I agree to store the POF IAW regulatory requirements and the USAREUR Command Policy Letter as stated in paragraph 2 above.

Encl
VERINET printout

Unit Commander's/Activity Supervisor's Signature

(signature)

(printed name)

(rank,branch)

(Title)

MEMORANDUM FOR Field Registration Station, 417th Base Support Battalion, Unit
26137, APO AE 09031

SUBJECT: Request to Re-register a Privately Owned Firearm

Your request to re-register a privately owned firearm is approved/disapproved.

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