



417th Base Support Battalion *Commander's Policy*

Policy Number: 6-8

Proponent: AETV-WG-M

Date: 7 August 2003

SUBJECT: Waste Reduction Compliance for Special Community Activities

1. REFERENCES:

a. Revised SOFA Supplementary Agreement, Part 3 of 4, dated 29 March 1998 (Agreement of 3 August 1959, as Amended by the Agreements of 21 October 1971, 18 May 1981, and 18 March 1993, to Supplement the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces with respect to Foreign Forces stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany, Revised Supplementary Agreement); Article 53: Within accommodation made available for its exclusive use, a force or civilian component may take all the measures necessary for the satisfactory fulfillment of its defense responsibilities. German law shall apply to the use of such accommodation except as provided in the present Agreement and other international agreements, and as regards to the organization, internal functioning and management of the force and its civilian component, the members thereof and their dependents, and other internal matters which have no foreseeable effect on the rights of third parties or on adjoining communities or the general public. The competent German authorities and the authorities of a force shall consult and cooperate to reconcile any differences that may arise.

b. City/County of Würzburg standards for reducing trash, dated 1 January 1998, and County of Kitzingen standards for reducing trash, dated 21 July 1997 (Abfallwirtschaftssatzung über die Vermeidung, Verwertung und Beseitigung von Abfällen in der Stadt/Landkreis Würzburg and Landkreis Kitzingen): City and County administrations of Würzburg and Kitzingen require private organizations that sell food and beverages at special events to use biodegradable or reusable packaging and containers. Organizations may charge a deposit on serving containers or flatware. This policy applies to all properties located within Kitzingen and Würzburg counties. Exceptions to this policy may be granted on a case-by-case basis, as each situation warrants.

2. PURPOSE:

a. To define the parameters for waste stream reduction and recycling requirements for community festivals, bazaars, barbecues, bake sales, and other similar activities in the 417th BSB Community.

b. The Supplement to the SOFA states that German law applies to all U.S. activities. Under the environmental regulations (Ref. 1b) posted by the German Government, all vendor operations that create waste streams are required to recycle and pay for additional waste product removal. It is unlawful to place items that may be recycled into normal trash or refuse containers.

c. Our German/American festivals, as well as unit fund and bazaar activities, are a part of our community tradition and a means of additional revenue for non-funded community activities. However, the recycling of all waste materials generated within BSB installations, to include festival and bazaar activities, must improve in order to reduce costs, meet DOD standards for solid waste diversion, and comply with German law. To aid in this effort, the solid waste stream from special community activities will be diverted from "trash" to biodegradable wastes.

3. SCOPE: This policy applies to all BSB coordinated or sanctioned activities located within the 417th BSB geographical area.

4. POLICY:

a. Only biodegradable plates, cups, and flatware (i.e. wooden) are to be used for all coordinated or sanctioned activities throughout the 417th BSB Community. As all waste created would be biodegradable, the standard waste collection containers for event use will be for biodegradable materials only. Plastic, glass, waste, and metal containers will be vendor controlled and operated, and will not be accessible to the public. No disposable glass, metal, or plastic products will be included or used in any food item containers sold to customers, except as stated in 5.b.

b. A deposit system will be required for any metal or glass container issued to a customer, and each vendor will control his/her individual waste stream for recyclable items. Fees will be at the discretion of the activity coordinator and will be consistent with all vendors at a given event.

c. Special drink containers may be created and offered for a fee to customers as commemorative glasses/mugs for souvenirs and collectors alike. Customers may purchase outright or pay a refundable deposit. Wax coated and styrofoam cups are prohibited.

d. Ice cream will be sold by the scoop/cone method to customers except for large amounts requested for take out of the festival area. The use of large volume consumer product containers is recommended.

e. Condiment counters will be offered without using prepackaged servings. For example, use pump containers for ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise; bulk containers for pickle relish, onions, etc.; and restaurant size salt/pepper/sugar shakers.

f. Vendors will be required to sign recycling agreements prior to acceptance of participation in a BSB activity.

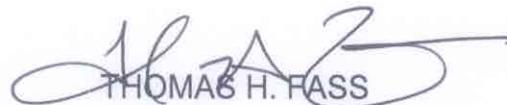
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g. Each AST Commander/Community Manager must ensure this policy is provided to all proponents of special community activities when a BSB facility or space is officially reserved, coordinated, or sanctioned thru that office.

h. The DPW will ensure appropriate biodegradable containers are provided at special community activities, and provide information on compliance techniques for this policy.

5. **PROPONENT:** The 417th BSB, Directorate of Public Works, DSN 351-1540.



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