

01 04 071758Z SEP 06 RR UUUU AA ZEXW
YES

CDR SDDC ALEXANDRIA VA//SDPP//
AIG 7591
AIG 7593
AIG 7595
AIG 7596
AIG 12481

ESC DI FIELD OFFICE M ALICE SPRINGS NT AS//TO//
513ACCW RAF MILDENHALL, UK// LGTT//
COMNAVSUPSYCOM MECHANICSBURG PA/053//
HQDA WASHINGTON DC//DALO-FPT//
HQUSAF WASHINGTON DC//ILTT//
CDR599THTRANSOPTML WHEELER AAF HI//
DIRMTMC598THTRANSGP VAIHINGEN GE//

INFO USA CLAIMS MEADE (US)//
NAVY JAG WASHINGTON DC (UC)//
GSA FAA CENTRAL OFFICE ARLINGTON VA//
JACC (US)//
CMC WASHINGTON DC (US)//
DFAS NORFOLK VA (US)//
DFAS INDIANAPOLIS IN (US)

UNCLAS
PASS TO ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY SHIPPING OFFICES WORLDWIDE

SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS (POFS) TO GERMANY,
UNITED KINGDOM, SICILY, ITALY, AUSTRALIA, OKINAWA, ATSUGI AND JAPAN

1. U.S. FORCES MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED FROM SHIPPING OR
IMPORTING POFS INTO GERMANY, UNITED KINGDOM, SICILY, AND ITALY SINCE
SEPTEMBER 2000.

2. ONLY PERSONNEL IN POSSESSION OF A VALID GERMAN HUNTER'S LICENSE OR
SPORT SHOOTERS WHO POSSESS A VALID GERMAN WEAPONS REGISTRATION
CARD (WAFFENBESITZKARTE), WITH THE POF LISTED ON IT, CAN LEGALLY
IMPORT AND POSSESS FIREARMS IN GERMANY. THE HUNTING LICENSE AND/OR
THE WEAPONS REGISTRATION CARD CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED IN GERMANY
AFTER COMPLETING THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS. IF INDIVIDUALS
INTEND TO OBTAIN A GERMAN HUNTER'S OR SHOOTER'S LICENSE AFTER THEY

ARE STATIONED IN GERMANY, PRIOR TO THEIR MOVE THEY MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THEIR CONUS TRANSPORTATION OFFICE FOR SEPARATE SHIPMENT OF ANY POF. THE TRANSPORTATION OFFICE SHALL NOT SHIP ANY POF UNTIL THE OWNER PROVIDES PROOF OF HAVING A VALID GERMAN LICENSE TO POSSESS A POF. U.S. FORCES MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH AE REG 190-6/USNAVEUR INSTRUCTION 5300.15N/USAFE INSTRUCTION 31-205, DTD 27 APRIL 2005 BEFORE CONSIDERING THE SHIPMENT OF ANY POF TO GERMANY. PERSONNEL IMPORTING A POF THAT IS NOT LEGALLY REGISTERED PUT THEMSELVES AT RISK OF BEING CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS UNDER GERMAN LAW.

4. POFS INTO ITALY, UNITED KINGDOM, AND SICILY: SHIPPING OR IMPORTING POFS INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM, ITALY AND SICILY ARE PROHIBITED. THE DEFINITION OF POFS INCLUDES ANY WEAPON THAT IS DESIGNED FOR OR CAN BE READILY CONVERTED TO BE USED FOR ATTACK, DEFENSE, SPORTS, GAMES OR HUNTING BY DRIVING A PROJECTILE THROUGH THE BARREL. THIS INCLUDES AIR PISTOLS, AIR RIFLES AND FIRING REPLICAS OF ANTIQUE FIREARMS. ADDITIONALLY, SPRING-OPERATED KNIVES, FIXED BOWIE KNIVES, STRAIGHT-EDGE RAZORS, BRASSK NUCKLES, BLACKJACK DEVICES, CANS WITH SHARPENED POINTS, PIPES, CHAINS, SLINGS, METAL SPHERES, AND ANY OTHER LIKE WEAPON WHICH MAY BE USED FOR OFFENDING A PERSON IS FORBIDDEN. ITALIAN LAW STATES THAT POCKET KNIVES MAY BE CARRIED, BUT THE BLADE MUST NOT EXCEED TWO INCHES IN LENGTH.

5. POFS INTO AUSTRALIA: THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA PROHIBITS ENTRY OF THE FOLLOWING FIREARMS: SELF-LOADING (AUTOMATIC OR SEMI-AUTOMATIC) RIM FIRE RIFLES, SELF-LOADING CENTER FIRE RIFLES, SELF-LOADING SHOTGUNS, AND PUMP SHOTGUNS. UNAPPROVED WEAPONS SHIPPED TO AUSTRALIA SHALL BE EXPORTED AT THE MEMBER'S EXPENSE.

6. POFS INTO JAPAN (INCLUDING OKINAWA): UNITED STATES FORCES JAPAN (USFJ) MEMBERS (MILITARY AND DOD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES) ARE NOT AUTHORIZED, AND ARE PROHIBITED FROM IMPORTING OR POSSESSING, HANDGUNS, RIFLES, PELLET, AIR OR BB GUNS. IT IS STRONGLY DISCOURAGED, HOWEVER, USFJ MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO SHIP SHOTGUNS (EXCEPTION-REF. PAR. 7 BELOW FOR NAVAL INSTALLATIONS), BUT THE SHOTGUN MUST BE MAILED THROUGH THE US POSTAL SYSTEM (SUBJECT TO POSTAL REGULATIONS) AND MUST BE **CONSIGNED TO THE COMMANDER** (MARKED FOR THE MEMBER) OF THE MEMBER'S UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT OF THEIR GAINING COMMAND. MEMBERS PLANNING TO SHIP SHOTGUNS MUST COORDINATE WITH THEIR SPONSORS OR GAINING UNIT BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE SHIPMENT. MEMBERS MUST REGISTER THEIR SHOTGUN AT THEIR INSTALLATION AND MUST HAVE A CURRENT JAPANESE GUN PERMIT 'PRIOR' TO SHIPPING, CARRYING,

STORING, OR OTHERWISE POSSESSING A SHOTGUN OUTSIDE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. MEMBERS WHO RESIDE OFF-BASE MUST STORE THEIR SHOTGUNS IN THE ARMORY ON-BASE. THE SHOTGUN MAY ONLY BE CHECKED OUT AS NEEDED WHEN APPROVED FOR USE.

7. MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO ALL NAVAL INSTALLATIONS IN JAPAN (FISC YOKOSUKA, SASEBO AND ATSUGI): SHIPPING OR IMPORTING ANY POF INTO NAVY INSTALLATIONS IN JAPAN IS PROHIBITED. US MILITARY MEMBERS AND/OR DOD CIVILIAN COMPONENTS, ASSIGNED TO DUTY ON NAVAL INSTALLATIONS IN JAPAN SHALL NOT IMPORT BY MAIL, SHIP WITH HHG, OR IN ANY OTHER WAY, ANY TYPE OF HANDGUN, RIFLE, SHOTGUN, PELLET, AIR OR BB GUN.

8. FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT, SDDC OPERATIONS TEAM AT PPOPS@SDDC.ARMY.MIL.

UNCLASSIFIED 0171758Z SEP 06