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MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the USAG Wiesbaden Community

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison Wiesbaden Command Policy Letter #21,  
Access by Bona Fide Guests/Visitors of Authorized Patrons to Commissary Facilities

1. References:

- a. DOD 1330.17-R, Armed Services Commissary Regulation, 8 October 2008
- b. DOD Directive 5105.55, Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), 12 March 2008
- c. DOD DeCA Directive 40-6, Performance and Policy Customer Service Department, 2 April 2009
- d. AE Regulation 600-700, Identification Cards and Individual Logistic Support, 4 February 2010
- e. AE Regulation 190-16, Installation Access Control, 11 January 2010
- f. AE Regulation 550-175, U.S. Forces Customs Controls in Germany, 15 July 2011
- g. AE Regulation 600-1, Regulated Activities in Europe, 20 May 2009

2. Purpose: Establishes a commissary access policy for bona fide guests/visitors and restricts the number of bona fide guests/visitors allowed to accompany authorized patrons in the commissary to two. USAG Wiesbaden is committed to ensuring only authorized patrons are purchasing tax free and duty free merchandise in commissary facilities.

3. Applicability: This policy applies to all military, civilian or contract personnel and family members residing in the USAG Wiesbaden area of responsibility.

4. Policy:

a. The USAG Wiesbaden commissary is a standalone facility in a non-secure area; therefore installation access control measures are in force IAW AER 190-16. Authorized commissary patrons may be accompanied by no more than two (2) bona fide guests/visitors at any given time while using the commissary.

b. Bona fide guests/visitors must have a valid for of photo identification or they will be denied entry. Bona fide guests/visitors are defined as individuals who do not possess SOFA status and who are not entitled to logistical support. Examples are parents, in-laws, family and relatives, friends, colleagues and acquaintances of U.S. Forces

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personnel stationed in Germany, who are visiting. Valid identification is defined as a current driver's license, passport and/or *ausweis* with photo.

c. Bona fide guests/visitors must be accompanied at all times by an authorized commissary patron. Only authorized commissary patrons are permitted to make commissary purchases. All authorized commissary patrons may be held responsible for the actions of their visitors.

d. Violations of this policy may provide a basis for the suspension of commissary privileges or permanent revocation of commissary privileges. In addition, disciplinary action may be taken against the individual if the violation(s) warrant such action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or other pertinent regulations or agreements.

e. The German Federal Ministry of Finance (FMOF-Customs) has authorized US Forces personnel, members of the civilian component and their family members, who are authorized patrons of commissary facilities, to entertain bona fide guests/visitors at US Forces' facilities in Germany. With the exception of tobacco products or other tax and duty free merchandise, bona fide guests/visitors may acquire food and beverages, with or without payment, for immediate consumption on the premises.

f. Military retired personnel, widows/widowers and their dependents, and unaccompanied children of military personnel are generally not entitled to purchase tax free items at U.S. Forces facilities in Germany except as indicated in AER 550-175 and AER 600-700.

5. Exceptions to Policy: Because every situation must be reviewed on a case by case basis, for more information on exception to this policy please contact Mr Jim Stammerjohan, Chief Customs Inspector, US Forces Customs-Europe, DSN: 337-5188/6701 / CIV: 0611-705-5188/6701 or via email [james.e.stammerjohan.civ@mail.mil](mailto:james.e.stammerjohan.civ@mail.mil).

6. The point of contact for this policy is the Garrison admin at DSN: 548-0101 / CIV 0611-143-548-0101.



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