

d. All applicants for German license plates will be required to sign the German License Plates Agreement Statement (fig 4-1) before taking possession of the German license plates. By signing the statement, applicants acknowledge that they are aware that if they do not comply with the agreement and do not return the plates to the local FRS without an approved exception (para 4-14), they will be required to reimburse the vehicle registry fund for the plates, lose their driving and vehicle registration privileges, and may have legal actions taken against them.

4-14. EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY

The USAREUR-AF PM, through the Registrar, may grant exceptions to the policy in this publication unless prevented from doing so by international agreements or other directives. Requests for exceptions to policy must be sent in writing through command channels to the local FRS. The local FRS will contact the RMV for a final determination.

GERMAN LICENSE PLATES AGREEMENT STATEMENT
(Privately Owned Vehicle (POV))
(AE Reg 190-1/CNE-CNA-C6F Inst 11240.6AC/USAFE-AFAFRICA Inst 31-202)

German License Plate Number: _____

1. The German license plates with the number listed above are the property of the U.S. Government. They must be returned along with all attached decals (the safety inspection expiration decal and the German state decal) if I transfer out of Germany or to another location within Germany (permanent change of station), separate from the U.S. Forces, or otherwise lose individual logistic support as a member of the U.S. Forces. I understand that the German license plates issued to me will remain the property of the U.S. Government and must be returned along with all attached decals (the safety inspection expiration decal and the German state decal) to the local field registration station (FRS) before I transfer the vehicle to someone without individual logistic support in Germany, ship the vehicle out of Germany, or otherwise dispose of the vehicle. I also understand that failure to return the license plates to my local FRS will cause me to lose my driving and vehicle-registration privileges and may result in legal actions being taken against me. In addition, MP or SF will be notified and I will have to pay the cost for replacing the license plates and the number.

2. License plates will be attached horizontally to the front and rear of the POV at the location prescribed by the manufacturer and the law so that both plates are clearly visible. The rear plate will be centered under a light or placed between lights on either side. (Motorcycles and trailers will display one plate attached horizontally to the rear.) License plates will be securely attached, either directly or through a TÜV-approved plate-mounting system. The use of string, wire, or zip ties to secure permanent license plates is prohibited. Drilling or punching holes for attachment is authorized as long as the numbers and letters are not obstructed. Severe bending of plates that causes a crease, cutting, or mutilating plates to fit the POV will result in cancellation of the registration. Minor bending to conform to the vehicle's contour is permissible as long as the degree of bend does not crease the license plate or distort its appearance. An inspection is required on request of the RMV, the MP or SF, or German authorities if it appears that a POV has been modified. Failure to comply with inspections requests from the RMV, the MP or SF, or German authorities will result in the RMV canceling the POV registration and fuel card.

3. I understand that two long plates will be issued for my POV if the POV is designed to use the long plates. This is not optional; it is required by German law with exceptions only for POVs that, by construction (for example, indented body or bumper), cannot accept two long plates. In this case, one short plate and one long plate will be issued. Normally, the short plate will be mounted in the rear, but in a few cases, the short plate may have to be mounted on the front with the long plate mounted on the rear of the POV. On very few POVs, short plates will have to be mounted on the front and rear of the POV. This will be strictly controlled as it violates German law and the agreement the U.S. Forces made with the German Government on using German license plates. Requests for short plates mounted on the front of a vehicle or the issuance of two short plates requires approval from the 405th Army Field Support Brigade, BASOPS Maintenance Division, Unit 28132, APO AE 09114-8132 (email: usarmy.bavaria.405-afsb.list.maintenance-div-pov-management@army.mil). In my email request, I must provide complete vehicle information and photos of the front and rear license plate mounting points.

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Figure 4-1. German License Plates Agreement Statement (Privately Owned Vehicle)