

d. Traffic points will be posted on DA Form 3626 (para 2-22).

e. The RMV will notify the commander or supervisor concerned when a subordinate's point assessments reach a total of—

(1) 6 points (no action required).

(2) 12 or more points in 1 year.

(3) 18 or more points in 2 years.

f. The commander or supervisor will take action to suspend the U.S. Forces Certificate of License for 180 calendar days (para 2-14b(4)) when a person reaches the limits in either e(2) or (3) above.

g. Points assessed against an individual will remain in effect for 2 years. The RMV will maintain driving record entries as required by AR 190-5/OPNAV 11200.5D/AFI 31-218(I) and AFI 31-218IP.

2-22. REPORTS OF ACTIONS TAKEN

a. Commanders and supervisors will use DA Form 3626 to record point accumulation, counsel erratic drivers, and suspend or revoke driving privileges. These records will be posted in the Vehicle Registry Inquiry Network (VERINET) database for access by all law-enforcement personnel.

b. Using DA Form 3626 does not relieve commanders and supervisors from reporting revocations, suspensions, declarations of ineligibility, or traffic-point assessments. For these actions, DA Form 4833, AE Form 190-1AX, or AE Form 190-1K will be sent to the DES or CSF, who will send it to the RMV. The DES or CSF will assess traffic points when the commander or supervisor fails to respond within 60 calendar days after receiving DA Form 3946, DA Form 3975, or AE Form 190-1AX. The DES or CSF will send the appropriate form to the RMV.

c. The USAREUR PM will administratively assess points if a commander or supervisor returns any report of action taken (DA Form 4833, AE Form 190-1AX, or AE Form 190-1K) with "no action taken," but failed to complete the remarks block to explain why no action was taken (para 2-21c).

CHAPTER 3

POV REGISTRATION

3-1. POLICY AND ENTITLEMENT

a. The following personnel will register their POVs with the U.S. Forces in Germany immediately after taking possession of them:

(1) Military and civilian personnel. Vehicles must be registered in the name of the sponsor. Spouses may appear on the registration as joint owners, but authorization to register will be based solely on logistic-support authorization in AE Regulation 600-700.

(2) Nonappropriated fund (NAF) organizations. NAF organizations must initially register and pay the registration fee for POVs that the NAF organization owns.

(3) Other authorized agencies or organizations in accordance with the provisions of international law and the fuel-card agreement.

b. U.S. Forces-registered POVs will not be used for commercial enterprises, nor will they display any advertisement for any business or commercial enterprise (AE Reg 210-70).

c. Persons who transfer to Germany from a command in another European country and whose POVs have been registered with civil or U.S. Forces registration authorities in that country must register their POVs with the RMV within 30 calendar days after arriving in Germany.

d. License plates will be issued for the vehicle specified on the POV registration certificate and will not be transferred to any other vehicle.

e. A general or special power of attorney (POA) will be accepted to register a POV only if the grantee is the spouse of the registrant.

f. The sponsor's information must be provided on all applications for a POV registration (AE Form 190-1AA), regardless of who legally owns the POV.

3-2. LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED POVs

a. The number of POVs a person may register at any one time is limited as follows:

(1) **Accompanied Personnel.** Accompanied personnel (glossary) are limited to three POVs and two recreational vehicles.

(2) **Unaccompanied Personnel.** Unaccompanied personnel are limited to two POVs and one recreational vehicle.

b. The limits in subparagraph a above do not apply to—

(1) NAF custodians.

(2) Other authorized agencies and organizations.

(3) Racing and offroad recreational vehicles (glossary) (para 3-24).

c. Unit commanders may approve requests for additional vehicles for military and civilian personnel in their command. Civilian personnel assigned to units or organizations that do not have a military commander may request approval for additional vehicles from the USAG commander or the USAFE/AFAFRICA unit or squadron commander in the area in which they are assigned. These commanders may delegate approval authority to their deputy, the DES, or the DOL. Personnel of all grades must use AE Form 190-1AG to request a waiver to exceed the POV limits in subparagraph a above. Only one POV may be included on each AE Form 190-1AG. Requests for additional vehicles beyond those authorized by this publication may also require approval of the USAG commander or the USAFE/AFAFRICA MSG or LSG commander or his or her designated representative in the garrison. USAG commanders and USAFE/AFAFRICA MSG and LSG commanders will determine if it is necessary to add more stringent controls for POVs in their communities or areas of responsibility (AORs).

d. Individuals may not register additional vehicles until all of their existing registrations are in compliance with this regulation.

3-3. MECHANICAL STANDARDS

a. To register a POV as operational, the owner must ensure that it meets the mechanical standards in appendix C.

b. POVs must meet the minimum standards of exterior condition acceptable in the military and civilian community. Deficiencies (for example, extensive body damage, missing component parts, deterioration) will prevent a POV from meeting these standards.

c. First-line supervisors or platoon sergeants will visually inspect subordinates' POVs at least every 180 calendar days for violations of basic safety standards (for example, worn or bald tires, the wrong type of tires for the current season (note below), inoperative lights, broken windshields and glass, dangerous projections caused by rust, accidents) and record their findings on DA Form 3626. Supervisors will enforce basic safety standards by ensuring their subordinates do not operate unsafe vehicles until the vehicle is repaired, registered as nonoperational, or properly disposed of.

NOTE: On 29 November 2010, the German Parliament enacted new legislation that clarifies the rules for procurement, nomenclature, manufacturer identification markings, and use of winter tires in Germany. Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and four-wheel-drive vehicles, must have clearly marked winter or all-season tires when there is black ice, snow, slush, ice, or frost on German roads. A winter tire is any tire marked by the manufacturer with the snowflake logo or M + S symbol, which stands for mud and snow (*Matsch und Schnee*), including all-season tires. In Germany, the minimum legal tire tread depth is 1.6 millimeters (mm). For maximum performance, 4 mm of tire tread depth are recommended for winter tires. Austrian law mandates 4 mm minimum tread depth for winter tires, and other European countries have distinct winter driving laws as well. Drivers should check with local authorities before crossing borders. During the winter months, some areas of Germany may require snow chains, but only as directed by police or road signs. The maximum speed limit while driving a vehicle with chains is 50 kph. While the law does not mandate calendar dates during which snow tires are required, it is recommended to have snow tires mounted from early October until early April. Under the new rules, fines have been doubled. Drivers caught using summer tires in ice, snow, or slush, and drivers who cause an accident or obstruct traffic because they use inappropriate tires during winter conditions will be fined by German authorities. In addition, some insurance companies may deny coverage to motorists driving with summer tires on wintry roads. Drivers who are unsure about winter-tire requirements can contact their local vehicle-registration or safety office. A list of vehicle-registration locations and other information for U.S. Forces personnel who drive in Europe is available on the USAREUR RMV website at <http://www.eur.army.mil/rmv>.

3-4. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

a. Mechanical inspections may be completed up to 75 calendar days before a registration expires. Inspections older than 75 calendar days at the date of expiration will not be accepted as proof of inspection. No POV will be registered for more than 24 months without an inspection, except new POVs (e below). Inspections of POVs conducted under the German system (for example, conducted by the *Technischer Überwachungsverein (TÜV)* or the *Deutscher Kraftfahrzeug-Überwachungs-Verein (DEKRA)* (Technical Vehicle Inspection Association)) are valid and honored for 30 calendar days from the date of the inspection.

b. Inspection requirements (app C) must be met before registering a POV as operational.

c. An inspection is required when a POV registration has been canceled for failure to renew the registration (AE Form 190-1A) or to provide proof of liability insurance. An inspection may also be required on request of the RMV or German authorities if it appears that a POV has been modified (for example, windows have been tinted, exhaust system has been modified). Failure to comply with inspections requests from the RMV or German authorities will result in the RMV canceling the POV registration and fuel card. The RMV will notify the MP or SF of the cancellation, and the POV owner must register the POV as nonoperational (para 3-8).

d. Mechanical-inspection requirements for POVs for which ownership is transferred are as follows:

(1) If a POV is less than 10 model years old—

(a) The POV may be inspected within 30 calendar days before the transfer. In this case, the buyer will receive a 1- or 2-year registration.

(b) The buyer may accept the seller's POV registration expiration date without a mechanical safety inspection. To be able to do so, the registration must have at least 60 calendar days remaining at the time of transfer.

(2) If a POV is 10 or more model years old, the POV must pass a mechanical safety inspection within 30 calendar days before the date of transfer.

NOTE: A POV is considered 10 model years old when the model year ends in the same digit as the current calendar year, regardless of whether the POV is actually 10 years old. For example, a POV manufactured in November 2006 will be considered 10 model years old in January 2016, even though the POV will not be 10 years old until November 2016.

(3) Appendix C, paragraph C-3, lists actions to be taken if a POV fails the mechanical safety inspection.

e. New POVs that have never been registered in any system for more than 3 months are exempt from the requirement for a mechanical inspection before initial registration. Vehicles that were previously registered in the German system must provide proof of deregistration from the German registration system. The registration of these vehicles can be valid for up to 36 months. Registrants, however, must show a valid first-aid kit, a warning triangle, and a warning safety vest to the FRS. Within 60 calendar days from the date of initial registration, a copy of the manufacturer's certificate or statement of origin must be presented to the local FRS for chassis confirmation by the FRS clerk.

f. POVs that are less than 10 model years old may be inspected and registered for 12 or 24 months.

g. POVs that are more than 10 model years old must be inspected and registered annually. German safety inspections are only valid for 30 calendar days.

h. All FRSs will accept inspection stamps on AE Forms 190-1AA from other military communities for processing. FRSs will also accept German safety inspections.

i. The POV inspector will—

(1) Inspect every POV for installation of German plates. The inspector will indicate the results of the inspection by checking the appropriate block under Mechanical Safety Inspection (block 50) on AE Form 190-1AA (2 long plates; 1 long plate, 1 short plate; or 2 short plates). The inspector will verify his or her determination by signature or stamp.

(a) The use of short plates violates the agreement between the United States and Germany and will not be approved except for vehicles that, by construction, will not take long plates.

(b) Approving authority for one short front plate or two short plates rests with the Director, BMD, 405th AFSB, and the RMV. The BMD, 405th AFSB, will make recommendations for correct plate sizes and process short license plates. Where necessary, the RMV will make the final determination on plate sizes to be issued.

(c) When the construction of a vehicle allows the use of the long German license plates, those plates must be used.

(2) Inspect POV inspection stations in coordination with HQ USAFE/A4RT.

(3) Determine whether a POV has U.S. or foreign specifications and stamp AE Form 190-1AA accordingly.

3-5. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

a. To obtain a U.S. Forces POV registration, applicants must—

(1) Have a valid U.S. Forces Certificate of License or a temporary U.S. Forces Certificate of License (AE Form 190-1G).

(2) Have a valid DOD ID card with orders or official documents assigning them to Germany with logistic support authorized (AER 600-700).

(3) Go to their per-duty assigned community FRS to do the following:

(a) Complete AE Form 190-1AA.

(b) Provide proof of—

1. Ownership (para 3-6a).

2. Mechanical inspections that are not older than 75 calendar days for U.S. inspection stations and 30 calendar days for German inspection stations (for example, TÜV, DEKRA) (para 3-4).

3. Third-party liability insurance. An insurance confirmation card (ICC) from an authorized insurance company (glossary) is the only acceptable proof of insurance for registration under this publication and must be submitted every time a car is registered or reregistered with new license plates.

a. The insurance must be in effect at the time of registration. ICCs must show an issue date that is less than 120 calendar days before the date of application. ICCs with a future effective date will not be accepted.

b. If the effective date is left blank or noted “DOR” (date of registration) or “*Tag der Zulassung*” (date of registration), the ICC will be accepted if the issue date is not older than 120 calendar days.

c. The name on the ICC must match the name of the owner on the registration application (AE Form 190-1AA).

d. The POV make and chassis number or vehicle identification number (VIN) must match that on AE Form 190-1AA.

4. Customs clearance, if necessary (AE Reg 550-175/CNE-CNA-C6F Inst 5840.1F/USAFE Inst 51-702).

(c) Pay the registration fee (check, money order, or credit card).

b. The FRS will give the applicant the POV registration, license plates, and decals.

c. For used POVs purchased from vehicle dealers in Germany, the FRS will verify the POV—

(1) Chassis number or VIN to ensure there is no previous lien.

(2) Has cleared customs if the vehicle was purchased from the vendor’s customs warehouse (*Zolllager*) with AE Form 550-175A.

(3) Is not presently registered in the U.S. Forces registration system or the German system.

d. U.S. Forces personnel stationed outside of Germany and authorized U.S. Forces logistic support are authorized to be issued U.S. Forces license plates for 90 calendar days to transport their POV out of Germany. These personnel must comply with the registration procedures in subparagraph a above. They must provide proof of insurance recognized by the German insurance headquarters, not insurance used to register in the country where they are stationed. They will, however, be authorized to operate their POV using their POV drivers license issued from the European command where they are stationed instead of a U.S. Forces Certificate of License issued in Germany. Temporary fuel authorizations are granted in accordance with AE Regulation 600-17 for people on leave, pass, or official travel in Germany. Permanent fuel cards are not authorized for transient POVs.

3-6. PROOF AND TYPES OF OWNERSHIP

a. **Proof of Ownership.** The following documents are required as proof of ownership, as applicable:

(1) The POV registration or title document. (Foreign documents must be original documents.)

(2) The bill of sale from the seller to the registrant. When purchasing a new POV and the final bill of sale has not been issued, the owner will use AE Form 190-1AJ.

(3) A valid purchase order. If the registered POV has not been delivered, AE Form 190-1AC will be completed by the registrant and a representative of the company that sold the vehicle.

(4) A copy of the written authority from the U.S. leasing company to transport a leased vehicle to the new duty station in a foreign land and a copy of the lease agreement specifying the dates for which permission to use the leased vehicle has been granted.

NOTE: When the U.S. registration or stateside title shows a joint or co-owner, the joint or co-owner must also be included on AE Form 190-1AA.

b. Co-Ownership. A co-ownership registration may be issued to two people if at least one of them has a valid U.S. Forces Certificate of License, the vehicle has a valid annual registration, and both individuals—

(1) Are eligible to register with the U.S. Forces.

(2) Transfer one-half interest of the POV to each other.

(3) Complete and sign the personal information on AE Form 190-1AA.

(4) Sign the POV registration, renewal, or transfer. When transferring a co-owned vehicle, both co-owners must be present at the FRS at the time of transfer.

(5) Have been authorized by the lienholder as co-owners (if applicable).

NOTE: Individuals with suspended or revoked U.S. Forces Certificates of License are not authorized a co-ownership registration. These individuals must comply with the requirements in paragraph 2-17c.

c. Joint Ownership. Joint-ownership registrations will be issued only to a sponsor and his or her spouse at their request. At least one of them must be eligible to register a POV (para 3-5). Either may act for the other in any matter concerning the POV within the scope of this publication, except when selling the POV.

(1) Both owners must sign the back of AE Form 190-1A, verified by any FRS personnel.

(2) If either the sponsor or the spouse is absent when a POV is to be transferred, either a notarized bill of sale or a valid POA (accepted only between spouses) is required to enable the spouse who is present at the FRS to complete the transfer.

(3) A person wishing to delete his or her name from joint ownership, but who cannot be at the FRS in person at the time the change is to be effected, must provide the joint owner a notarized statement or a POA. Otherwise, the new registration document (AE Form 190-1A) will include both names. A new insurance card in the name of the person retaining ownership and permission of the lienholder, if applicable, may be required.

d. Transfer of Ownership. Ownership will not be changed or transferred while a vehicle is registered temporarily.

e. Vehicle History Records. The RMV is the only authority authorized to approve and issue vehicle history records to U.S. Forces members, civilians, contractors, and Family members. Individuals may obtain a vehicle history record by contacting the RMV Customer Service Office at military 314-542-2008/2009. Requests will be processed individually by vehicle. Requesters must pay an administrative fee (by check, money order, or credit card), which is not refundable.

3-7. 30-DAY TEMPORARY AND SPECIAL TEMPORARY REGISTRATIONS

a. Temporary registrations will be issued for POVs that must undergo a mechanical inspection. To apply for a temporary registration, the applicant will—

(1) Provide two completed copies of AE Form 190-1AA to the FRS of their assigned duty station.

(2) Meet the requirements in paragraph 3-5 (except for the mechanical inspection).

(3) Report to the FRS of their assigned duty station, which will issue the temporary plates, to finalize the transaction. Temporary plates are issued to enable applicants to complete the mechanical safety inspection and to provide enough time to make repairs that are necessary to pass the safety inspection. Temporary plates must not be used to travel outside of Germany.

b. Temporary registrations are initially valid for 30 calendar days only. During this 30-day period, a POV must pass the mechanical inspection. If the POV fails the inspection for an immediate safety hazard (glossary), it must be registered as nonoperational immediately. If there is no immediate safety hazard during the initial 30-day temporary-registration period, but requisitioned repair parts do not arrive, vehicles that cannot be repaired by the end of the second 30-day temporary-registration period must be registered as nonoperational until repairs can be completed.

c. Cancelled temporary registrations must be registered as nonoperational. An additional registration fee is required for the nonoperational transaction.

d. After a POV passes the mechanical inspection, permanent license plates with the expiration decal attached and POV registration documents will be issued through the FRS.

e. POVs that do not pass the mechanical inspection will be registered as nonoperational. Temporary plates will not be issued more than twice for the same vehicle during a 90-day period. The DES or CSF will determine how long an individual must wait to obtain the next set of temporary license plates. The POV owner's chain of command must give the applicant written approval authorizing a third set of temporary plates. The POV owner must provide documentation of repair to be authorized an additional set of temporary plates.

f. Applicants may be denied operational registration privileges up to 60 calendar days by the DES or CSF if temporary license plates are not returned on the specified date.

g. Ownership of a POV will not be transferred while the POV is temporarily registered.

h. Persons whose driving privileges have been revoked but who are required to move a POV in connection with a PCS move are eligible to apply through the revoking authority for a temporary registration that is valid up to 5 calendar days. The POV owner's chain of command will appoint an individual with a current U.S. Forces Certificate of License to move the vehicle for the owner.

i. Army military personnel applying for a motorcycle license may request a temporary (8 calendar days) registration that will begin 3 workdays before they attend the MSF course. Individuals who do not have a valid country or U.S. State or territory of the United States drivers license for a motorcycle are prohibited from attending an MSF course sponsored by the U.S. Army in Germany. Civilian personnel, contractors, and Family members are not required to attend an MSF course in order to obtain temporary license plates to register their motorcycles and are not authorized to attend Army MSF training courses. Military personnel are not authorized to operate motorcycles registered by their Family members or other members of the Forces unless they have a valid U.S. Forces motorcycle endorsement to their U.S. Forces drivers certificate and a valid MSF card (not older than 5 years) for that type of motorcycle.

j. USAFE/AFAFRICA military personnel applying for a motorcycle license may request a temporary (8 calendar days) registration. This temporary registration period will begin 3 workdays before they attend the MSF course. The installation safety office, SF, and transportation office will develop and publish joint written procedures to be used during the time between the purchase of a two-wheeled vehicle and completion of AFI 91-207 training requirements. Motorcycles of unlicensed riders may be transported or ridden to the Motorcycle-Proficiency Course by a person who is properly licensed. USAFE/AFAFRICA civilian personnel, contractors, and Family members are not required to attend an MSF course in order to obtain temporary license plates to register their motorcycles. Military personnel are not authorized to operate motorcycles registered by their Family members or other members of the Forces unless they have a valid MSF card (not older than 5 years) or until they have completed the MSF course sponsored by USAFE/AFAFRICA.

3-8. NONOPERATIONAL REGISTRATION

a. POVs will be registered as nonoperational when—

(1) The POV does not meet the mechanical standards in appendix C.

(2) The owner's U.S. Forces driving privileges are suspended or revoked for more than 90 calendar days.

(3) The POV registration is canceled (for example, for failure to reregister, lack of third-party liability insurance).

b. To apply for a nonoperational registration using AE Form 190-1AA, the applicant must meet registration requirements in paragraph 3-5a (except for those in subparas (1) and (3)(b)2 and 3). USAG commanders and USAFE/AFAFRICA MSG and LSG commanders may require—

(1) First-time applications for nonoperational registration to be approved by an installation agency (for example, assistant installation coordinator (AIC), DOL).

(2) That the POV be parked in a designated area before the owner can process the application at the local FRS.

c. When an individual's POV driving privilege is suspended or revoked for more than 30 calendar days and the POV must be registered as nonoperational (para 2-17c(3)), the nonoperational registration will be valid for the period of suspension or revocation, but will not exceed 1 year.

d. Nonoperational registrations for standard POVs are valid for 3 months (6 months for recreational vehicles) or, by exception, up to 12 months. Requests for nonoperational registrations for more than 3 months (respectively 6 months) but no more than 12 months require the approval of the USAG commander or the USAFE/AFAFRICA MSG or LSG commander. If a request is approved, the applicant will take a copy of the approved request, AE Form 190-1AA, the license plates, and the prescribed fee to the local FRS. Requests for additional nonoperational registrations must be approved by the USAG commander or the USAFE/AFAFRICA MSG or LSG commander.

e. Vehicles registered as nonoperational may not be operated.

f. To maintain a POV in a nonoperational status, the owner will—

(1) Park the POV in an authorized area (para 4-9b) or private parking off public streets.

(2) Remove the license plates and return them to the local FRS.

(3) Ensure the POV registration is renewed or the POV is properly disposed of before the nonoperational registration expires.

g. POV ownership will not be transferred while the POV is registered as nonoperational unless approved by the USAG commander or the USAFE/AFAFRICA MSG or LSG commander.

3-9. TRANSFERRING A POV TO ANOTHER PERSON ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER A POV WITH THE U.S. FORCES

a. When ownership of a POV is transferred, the buyer and the seller will appear together at the local FRS. When a vehicle has joint or co-owners, both must be present at the FRS along with the buyer. If one of the owners cannot be present, the joint or co-owner conducting the transaction must have a POA or a notarized bill of sale from the absent owner. A valid POV registration (AE Form 190-1A) will be used to transfer ownership and must be signed on the back by both the seller and the buyer. If the POV registration is lost or otherwise not available, the seller must apply for a new AE Form 190-1A before the transfer can be completed. The seller may not transfer a POV if there is a lien on the POV. A clear title, a letter from the lienholder authorizing the sale of the vehicle, or a letter of release from the lending institution is the only acceptable proof that there is no lien. The letter from the lienholder or the lending institution must specify the vehicle's year, make, model, and chassis number.

b. Persons transferring a POV on behalf of another must apply for a POA at the FRS and be listed on AE Form 190-1A as "agent." In situations that require customs clearance before a POV is transferred, AE Form 550-175B will not be issued until AE Form 190-1A is annotated by the FRS as having "no lien," and, when applicable, the POA holder is annotated as an agent. Mechanical inspections that are not older than 75 calendar days for U.S. inspection stations and 30 calendar days for German inspection stations (for example, TÜV, DEKRA) (para 3-4) are valid to effect the transfer.

c. If the buyer wants the POV to be registered operational at the time of the transfer, he or she must meet the requirements in paragraph 3-5 at the time of the transaction. The license plates will remain on the POV if the buyer is from the same community as the seller. If the buyer is not from the same community, the plates will remain on the vehicle for up to 30 calendar days. The buyer will be issued a 30-day registration and must obtain new license plates from his or her local community FRS by turning in the current plates and submitting an ICC, a completed AE Form 190-1A, and a completed AE Form 190-1AA.

d. If the buyer wants the POV to be registered as nonoperational at the time of the transfer, he or she must meet the requirements in paragraph 3-8b.

3-10. TRANSFERRING OR DISPOSING OF A POV TO PERSONS NOT ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER WITH THE U.S. FORCES

POVs will not be transferred or otherwise disposed of if encumbered by a lien. The registration must be valid in order to transfer the vehicle. The only proof of lien release is a clear title or a letter of release from the lending institution. The letter must specify the vehicle's year, make, model, and chassis number or VIN and must be submitted to the local vehicle registration office to issue a lien-free AE Form 190-1A title before the POV can be sold or transferred outside of the U.S. Forces Vehicle Registration System.

a. A POV will not be transferred or sold while temporarily registered. A vehicle registered as nonoperational may be transferred, donated, or sold without the approval of the USAG commander or the USAFE/AFAFRICA MSG or LSG commander only to a morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR) strip-lot or a DOL. The transfer or sale of such vehicles to a person, vendor, or company not entitled to customs exemption must be performed in compliance with the provisions of AE Regulation 550-175/CNE-CNA-C6F Instruction 5840.1F/USAFE Instruction 51-702.

b. A POV acquired in or imported into Germany under tax-exempt conditions will not be sold, given, or otherwise disposed of unless customs-clearance requirements are met (AE Reg 550-175/CNE-CNA-C6F Inst 5840.1F/USAFE Inst 51-702).

c. When a POV is transferred or disposed of, vehicle documents (for example, U.S. title, *Kraftfahrzeugbrief* (German title)) and a copy of the transfer title document of the POV registration (AE Form 190-1A) will be given to the new owner.

d. Once the POV is transferred or disposed of, the U.S. Forces license plates with the decals must be removed and turned in to the local FRS. The owner will also submit the following to the FRS:

(1) A bill of sale or other proof of disposition. (Joint ownership requires approval of both owners.)

(2) The original copy of the POV registration.

(3) The customs clearance document (if applicable).

(4) The lien release.

3-11. RENEWAL REGISTRATION

a. POV registrations must be renewed before they expire. As a courtesy, approximately 75 calendar days before the expiration date, the RMV will send the owner a partially completed AE Form 190-1O as a reminder of the upcoming expiration. Nonreceipt of this reminder in no way relieves the owner of the responsibility to renew the registration.

(1) On receipt of AE Form 190-1AA or AE Form 190-1O, the POV owner will immediately—

(a) Complete the form.

(b) Have the vehicle inspected (app C).

(c) Handcarry the completed AE Form 190-1AA or AE Form 190-1O and the registration fee to his or her assigned FRS. Applications for renewal must include other applicable documentation (for example, a new ICC, lien release).

(2) POV registrations are not valid after they expire and unregistered POVs may not be driven. The fuel card will also be canceled. Registrations may, however, be renewed within 30 calendar days after they expire by completing all renewal requirements, without having to change the license plates on the POV. Requirements include a valid inspection, payment of a late fee, and the normal renewal fee. The original plates will be renewed and remain on the POV. However, the fuel card will expire on the original expiration date and the owner must obtain a new fuel card with the renewed POV registration.

(3) If a POV registration has been expired for more than 30 calendar days, the license plates must be removed from the POV and the owner must register the POV as nonoperational, obtain a new ICC, apply for temporary plates, take the POV through an inspection, and obtain new plates and registration.

(4) Military and civilian personnel on operational deployments to designated hostile-fire areas may place their POVs in Government-approved storage and have their POV registrations suspended for the period of deployment. The time that is remaining on the registration at the time of deployment will be credited to the registration on the individual's return. POVs that will be driven while the owner is deployed are not authorized operational extensions and must continue to be registered, insured, and inspected when required.

b. Applicants may obtain nonoperational registrations by submitting the following to their assigned community FRS:

(1) A written approval according to paragraph 3-8d.

(2) A signed AE Form 190-1AA.

(3) Current registration fee.

c. Deployed U.S. Forces personnel (verified with deployment orders) may add a non-Family member as an additional driver to their vehicle registration for the purpose of vehicle care using a special POA. The person added as an additional driver must be a member of the U.S. Forces with full logistic support. The deployed person will provide the additional driver the old registration, deployment orders, and a copy of the POA. The additional driver must pay the fee for replacement documents to show his or her name.

3-12. REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE PROOF OF CONTINUING INSURANCE

a. The ICC is the only acceptable proof of third-party liability insurance for registration under this publication unless the insurance company has agreed to use other notification procedures established by the RMV. Once an ICC is submitted with AE Form 190-1AA, no further proof of insurance is necessary unless coverage is canceled by the insurance company or a license plate change has occurred. Whenever coverage is canceled, the owner must submit a new ICC and meet the requirements in paragraph 3-5a(3)(b)3. The issue date of the ICC will be used to determine whether or not the card has expired.

b. Under German law, insurance companies must notify the RMV when coverage for any POV expires or is canceled for any reason (for example, failure to pay premium, failure to renew policy, change of insurance companies). On receipt of a cancellation notice, the RMV will check its records to determine whether or not the POV owner has already submitted a new ICC or deregistered the vehicle (para 3-13).

c. If the RMV receives a notice of cancellation and the POV owner has not submitted a new ICC or deregistered the vehicle, the RMV will notify the owner in writing of the requirement to provide a valid ICC within a specified timeframe. If a new ICC is not received by the date specified, the RMV will cancel the POV registration and notify the owner's commander or supervisor. The MP or SF will immediately remove the POV license plates to ensure the POV is not operated on or after the date specified by the RMV until the POV is properly registered (para 3-5). Nonreceipt of the notification in no way relieves the POV owner of the responsibility to reregister the vehicle.

d. Transactions between a POV owner and an insurance company are private business matters. The RMV will not be liable or responsible for any situation caused by an alleged act or omission on the part of an insurance company (for example, failure to provide an ICC, change of policy number, cancellation of insurance without notifying the POV owner).

3-13. REQUIREMENT TO REPORT CHANGES IN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

a. POV owners will immediately report any change in registration information (for example, lien information, vehicle information, new insurance company, name or unit address change). To report lien, vehicle, or personal information changes, owners will complete AE Form 190-1AA and take it to the FRS for processing with documented proof of the change and a copy of the current registration.

b. If reporting a name change, the owner will submit an ICC showing the new name.

c. If reporting a change in insurance, the owner will do one of the following:

(1) Follow the procedures in subparagraph a above and submit a new ICC.

(2) Send only the new ICC to HQ USAREUR Vehicle Registry, Unit 29230, APO AE 09136-9230, or through German mail (*Bundespost*) to Amerikanische Zulassungsstelle (Insurance Section), Postfach 1263, D-67673 Enkenbach-Alsenborn. ICCs submitted to update the registration file are subject to the requirements in paragraph 3-5a(3)(b)3.

d. No fee is charged for issuing amended registration documents as long as the current registration document is turned in to the local registration office (FRS).

e. When an individual who has U.S. Forces-issued German license plates transfers to a new duty station within Germany, he or she must obtain new license plates that have the new duty station area prefix for the POV within 30 calendar days. When the plates are changed, the FRS clerk will send the old plates to the RMV. Each time new license plates are issued, a new ICC must be submitted.

(1) If the registration is valid for more than 1 year, the license plates and registration are issued free, with the same expiration date.

(2) If the registration is valid for less than 1 year, the applicant may do either of the following:

(a) Pay the current registration fee and obtain new license plates and registration with the original expiration date.

(b) Take the POV to the safety inspection station to have an inspection performed. If the POV passes the safety inspection, the applicant will obtain license plates and registration for 1 year (or more if the POV is less than 10 model years old) and pay the current registration fee.

(3) Vehicles with 60 calendar days or less remaining on the registration must go through a safety inspection before new license plates may be issued.

f. Local FRSs can issue license plates and process transactions for plates assigned only to their communities. Persons who, by exception, have been granted authority to retain plates that are not assigned to their community FRS must process all transactions at the USAREUR RMV in Sembach, Germany. Safety inspections, however, may be performed at any inspection station.

3-14. INLAND MOVEMENT AND COMMERCIALY SHIPPED POVS

a. Inland POV Movement.

(1) On notification of POV arrival, owners will provide the following documents to the local FRS:

(a) A valid U.S. Forces Certificate of License.

(b) A valid ICC.

(c) A vehicle-condition report.

(d) DD Form 1173, AE Form 600-700A, or a valid DOD ID card.

(e) AE Form 190-1AA.

(f) Proof of ownership.

(2) After providing the documents in (1) above to the FRS, owners will obtain 30-day temporary plates at the local FRS. Paragraph 3-7 provides instructions for 30-day registrations. POVs will not leave the delivery site without temporary or permanent U.S. Forces-provided license plates properly attached to the POV.

(3) Owners without a valid U.S. Forces Certificate of License will register their POVs as nonoperational. If community policy will not allow an owner to leave his or her POV at the delivery site, the owner will obtain the required liability insurance and temporary license plates that are valid for 1 day (that is, they must be returned on the same day they were issued) and provide a driver who is licensed by the U.S. Forces and appointed by the owner's chain of command to move the POV to an approved site. This approval will be attached to the application. When 1-day plates are returned, the registration clerk will provide copies of the nonoperational registration to the owner.

b. Government or Commercial Shipment of POVs (Bremerhaven and Other European Ports).

(1) Oversized POVs and second POVs shipped at Government expense can be picked up at the port after the owner has obtained 30-day plates from the local FRS (a(2) above). The owner must have the POV inspected immediately on return to the duty station and provide the FRS the items listed in a(1)(a) through (f) above.

(2) Commercially shipped POVs may be picked up at the port after the owner has obtained 30-day plates from the local FRS. The owner must have the POV inspected immediately on return to the duty station and provide items in subparagraph a above to the FRS. Customs clearance must be completed by the owner with German customs authorities; shipping and transportation companies are not authorized to effect customs clearance (AE Reg 550-175/CNE-CNA-C6F Inst 5840.1F/ USAFE Inst 51-702 and AE Reg 600-700).

3-15. REPORTING LOST, STOLEN, OR RECOVERED VEHICLES AND LICENSE PLATES

a. If any vehicle registered or licensed by the RMV is stolen or one or both of the license plates are lost, stolen, or recovered, the owner must make an immediate report to the nearest MP or SF station. If the station is not within a reasonable distance, the local civilian authorities will be notified. The MP or SF must be notified as soon afterwards as possible.

b. The MP and SF will act on these reports as indicated in appendix K.

3-16. REPLACING LOST, STOLEN, OR MUTILATED LICENSE PLATES, DOCUMENTS, OR DECALS

a. If one or both plates are lost or stolen, the owner must—

(1) Report the theft (para 3-15).

(2) Complete AE Form 190-1AA and submit it to the local FRS.

(3) Return the POV registration and license plate (if any) to the local FRS.

(4) Pay the current registration fee (by check, money order, or credit card). The owner will receive new permanent plates and registration documents that are valid for the remainder of the registration period or, with a new safety inspection, for 1 year. Vehicles less than 10 years old may be registered for 2 years with a new safety inspection.

NOTE: Vehicles with 60 calendar days or less remaining on their registration must pass a safety inspection before new plates and registration documents may be issued (paras 3-7 and 3-8).

b. If one or both plates are mutilated, the procedures in a(2) through (4) above apply.

c. If documents are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the procedures in a(2) and (4) above apply.

d. If the environmental decal is lost, destroyed, or mutilated because of windshield damage, the applicant must pay the prescribed replacement fee to receive a new one.

e. Any time German license plates are not turned in for any reason, the POV owner will be required to reimburse the USAREUR Registration Fund for the license plates. The owner will be required to follow procedures in paragraph 3-15. The owner will not be entitled to a refund if the lost or stolen license plates are turned in later to the USAREUR RMV or an FRS.

f. The POV owner must pay a fee for replacing AE Form 190-1S.

3-17. POV REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

The two types of POV registration certificates are as follows:

a. AE Form 190-1A.

(1) AE Form 190-1A is a three-part form issued for permanent operational and nonoperational registrations. Two copies of this form will be given to the customer and the third copy marked "RMV Copy" will be retained for inclusion with the daily transaction documents that are forwarded to the USAREUR RMV at Sembach Kaserne.

(2) AE Form 190-1A is proof of vehicle ownership and provides authorization for POL rations for 1, 2, or 3 years, based on the number of years for which the vehicle is registered. Authorized POL rations are based on the provisions of the Forces Customs Law and provided in AE Regulation 600-17. AAFES gas cards, however, have an expiration date printed on the bottom.

(3) A copy of the POV registration must be in the POV while it is being operated. Any part may be used for proof of registration during reinspection.

(4) If the POV is not operational, it must be registered as nonoperational. The installation nonoperational storage facility may require owners of POVs registered as nonoperational to provide a copy of the registration. The U.S. Forces German license plates must be returned to the FRS when registering the vehicle as nonoperational.

(5) The POV registration or title document will be used to transfer ownership. Nonoperational POVs must be registered as operational before they can be transferred unless approved by the USAG commander or the USAFE/AFRICA MSG or LSG commander for transfer under nonoperational conditions.

(6) The RMV is the only authority designated to approve and issue duplicate USAREUR registrations to U.S. Forces military personnel, civilians, contractors, and Family members for vehicles that are to be deregistered and shipped out of Germany. Individuals may obtain a duplicate registration by contacting the RMV Customer Service Office at military 314-542-2008/2009. Requests will be processed individually by vehicle. Requesters must pay an administrative fee (by check, money order, or credit card), which is not refundable.

b. AE Form 190-1A for Leased Vehicles.

(1) AE Form 190-1A will be used to register leased vehicles. Leased vehicles can be registered for only 1 year at a time; they may not be registered for less than 1 year.

(2) AE Form 190-1A permits individuals to obtain POL authorization for leased vehicles.

(3) Customers will provide the local FRS a valid ID card and U.S. Forces Certificate of License, copies of the original leasing contract in the name of the ID-card owner or Family member authorized logistic support, a German registration form, and the registration fee.

(4) The local FRS must verify logistic support and all required documents before sending them to the RMV for processing.

3-18. ISSUING AND DISPLAYING LICENSE PLATES

a. Issuance.

(1) License plates are issued by the customer's per-duty assigned community FRS.

(2) FRSs will issue two long German license plates for all U.S. Forces-registered POVs (except motorcycles and trailers). These plates will not be bent or altered to fit the POV. The use of short plates violates the agreement between the United States and Germany and will not be approved except for vehicles that, by construction, will not take long plates. The inspector at the POV inspection station must note this requirement on the POV inspection form.

(3) To request one short front plate or two short plates, POV owners must contact the Director, BMD, 405th AFSB. To be issued two short plates or a short plate for the front of the POV, POV owners must submit a request for an exception to policy in writing to the Director, BMD, at 405th Army Field Support Brigade, BASOPS Maintenance Division, Unit 28132, APO AE 09114-8132, or the RMV. The request must include pictures of the vehicle for both the front and back license-plate holders or areas justifying the need; the vehicle identification number (VIN), make, and model; and a completed AE Form 190-1AA documenting mechanical inspection. The request must be sent by e-mail to usarmy.bavaria.405-afsb.list.maintenance-div-pov-management@mail.mil. The BMD, 405th AFSB, will make recommendations for correct plate sizes and process short license plates. Where necessary, the RMV will make the final determination on what plate sizes will be issued.

(4) A third license plate without decals may be issued on a case-by-case basis for POVs with bicycle racks when the rack obscures the vehicle's rear license plate. A POV application (AE Form 190-1AA) must be completed and the appropriate fee must be paid before the third plate is manufactured and issued. The third plate may not be used for any other purpose except for placement on a bicycle rack.

(5) The transfer of license plates to other POVs is prohibited. License plates are issued only for the vehicle specified on the registration certificate. Personnel will not transfer or allow to be transferred or otherwise dispose of license plates other than as prescribed in this publication.

b. Display.

(1) 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. Brackets designed to mount the U.S.-style plate on the front of the vehicle will be removed before mounting the long German license plate. 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.)

(2) License plates will be attached firmly to the POV using bolts, screws, mounts, or brackets. Use of string or wire to secure license plates is prohibited.

(3) Drilling holes through the face of license plates for attachment is authorized as long as the license-plate letters and numbers are not obstructed.

(4) POVs will not be operated with license plates obscured by mutilation, dirt, or grime except for short periods (for example, after a traffic accident or during bad weather).

(5) Attaching old license plates or signs to U.S. Forces-provided license plates is not authorized.

(6) Owners who operate a POV displaying license plates that are covered (for example, with plastic or glass), canceled, altered, defaced, forged, or not clearly visible and properly secured are subject to—

(a) Removal of the license plates by commanders, MP, or SF.

(b) Reregistering the POV according to paragraph 3-5.

NOTE: Improper mounting of license plates will result in cancellation of the vehicle registration and the vehicle fuel-ration card.

3-19. REGISTRATION DECALS

Displaying unauthorized decals, stickers, or banners on U.S. Forces-registered POVs may result in cancellation of the vehicle registration, failure of the mechanical inspection, or both. U.S. installation and DOD decals must be removed before registering the vehicle in Germany. Only the following decals may be displayed:

a. TÜV and Safety Inspection Expiration Decal. An expiration decal will be issued with initial and renewal registrations. This decal shows the month and year the permanent POV registration expires and must be placed on the rear license plate. Only the most recent inspection decal may be shown on the POV.

b. International Decal. U.S. Forces POVs with German license plates issued by the U.S. Forces will use the “D” international decal. No other international decal is permitted on a U.S. Forces-registered POV.

c. Environmental Decal. German authorities have established environmental zones and environmental-protection zones that prohibit motor vehicles from being driven in them without a decal certifying that the vehicle is manufactured to a standard that makes its emissions acceptable to drive in those areas. The environmental decal must be displayed on the lower right side of the windshield (opposite side from the driver). Paragraph C-31 provides more information about this decal.

d. Handicap Parking Card. A handicap parking card may be displayed when authorized by appropriate officials. If approved, the handicap parking card must be hung on the rearview mirror with the silhouette of the handicap symbol facing forward. The handicap parking card will be issued once the authorized individual provides the RMV an approved copy of AE Form 190-1AW (signed by a German doctor or a doctor assigned to a facility under the Regional Health Command Europe (RHC-E)) and two passport-sized pictures of him- or herself. No fee will be charged for this initial service. A service fee will, however, be charged for replacement cards (for example, if the initial card was lost or mutilated). The individual can either provide this documentation to the local FRS or send it directly to the RMV for processing. The handicap parking card will be valid for use only on U.S. military installations and facilities in the RHC-E AOR and only for the eligibility dates indicated on the card. A permanent handicap parking card will be valid for a maximum of 4 years from the date of issue. Using DOD handicap cards off military installations in Europe is not authorized. Individuals desiring handicap cards for use off military installations must request those through German local city halls (*Rathäuser*).

e. European Highway Toll-Fee (*Maut*) Decal. This decal is issued to show proof of having paid to operate a POV on a specific European country's roadways. This decal must be placed on the windshield as indicated by the specific country.

3-20. REPOSSESSION OF POVs BY LIENHOLDERS

a. Lienholders who are eligible to register POVs with the RMV will do so immediately after repossessing a POV. They must provide a copy of the repossession letter, turn in the license plates, and transfer the vehicle in their name.

b. Lienholders who are not eligible to register POVs with the RMV are responsible for complying with applicable German laws. When a U.S. Forces-registered POV is repossessed on a U.S. facility, the responsible U.S. authority will ensure that the license plates and all U.S. Forces decals are removed and turned in to the local FRS, MP station, or SF station along with a copy of the repossession authorization and that the POV is properly deregistered from the U.S. Forces system.

3-21. PROCEDURES FOR CLEARING A POV

a. The following procedures apply to POVs that are shipped or transported from Germany or moved between communities in Germany when individuals are reassigned:

(1) U.S. Forces-issued German license plates must be turned in to the FRS before shipping or transferring a POV out of Germany. When the German license plates are turned in, U.S. Forces POV license plates that are valid for no more than 90 calendar days will be issued. The registration must be valid during the period for which the license plates are issued. If the registration has less than 90 calendar days remaining, registration fees will be charged. Shipping plates are issued no earlier than 7 calendar days before shipping or driving out of Germany. Proof of shipping or PCS orders (when driving) are required. This also applies to owner-agent transactions. Registrants who ship their POVs out of country with U.S. Forces-issued German license plates will be required to reimburse the RMV for the current cost of new license plates to clear the local FRS.

(2) Local FRSs will issue POV owners AE Form 190-1S for each POV to be shipped or otherwise removed from Germany. The FRS will verify the documents provided by the POV owner; process AE Form 190-1S; sign, date, and stamp the form; and send the third copy along with the vehicle shipping documents to the RMV for processing.

(3) Personnel being reassigned within Germany must turn in AE Form 190-1A and their current license plates and obtain new German license plates from their assigned community FRS at their new duty station within 30 calendar days after reassignment.

b. The following procedures apply to POVs disposed of by other methods (para 4-11):

(1) The local FRS will issue the owner AE Form 190-1S to be completed for each POV. The FRS will verify the information provided by the POV owner, complete the form, and give two completed copies of the form to the POV owner for insurance cancellation. The FRS will send the third copy of the form and corresponding documents to the RMV for processing.

(2) If a POV is to be transferred or sold to a person or vendor in Germany who has no SOFA status (AE Reg 600-700) and is, therefore, not entitled to customs exemption, the transaction must be processed through the U.S. Army Customs Agency-Europe and approved by German customs authorities for payment of taxes or duties by the buyer. Once the POV has been customs cleared, the U.S. Forces member or Family member must take a copy of the customs document, the license plates, the bill of sale, and the lien release (if applicable) to the FRS to properly clear the POV.

NOTE: The RMV is the only authority authorized to approve and issue vehicle history records for all vehicles that are deregistered (*Abmeldebestätigung*) to U.S. Forces military personnel, civilians, contractors, and Family members. Individuals may obtain a vehicle history record by contacting the RMV Customer Service Office at military 314-542-2008/2009. Requests will be processed individually by vehicle. Requesters must pay an administrative fee (by check, money order, or credit card), which is not refundable.

(3) If a POV was sold to a person with SOFA status, the seller will process the transfer with the buyer at the FRS.

(4) If a POV was donated to the local MWR fund, the donor will provide a copy of AE Form 190-1Z to the local FRS to prove the donation.

(5) In the case of an abandoned vehicle (glossary), the responsible USAG commander or USAFE/AFAFRICA MSG or LSG commander who has completed abandoned-vehicle procedures for a POV, including customs clearance in coordination with U.S. Forces Customs Europe officials, must provide disposition documents to the local FRS to dispose of and remove the POV from the U.S. Forces registration system.

(6) In all cases, all license plates must be turned in before a POV is disposed of or sold to persons or vendors who do not have NATO SOFA status.

NOTE: If a duplicate AE Form 190-1S is required (for example, if the original was lost), the requester must pay a service fee.

3-22. DISPOSITION BY AN AGENT

a. If an owner is unable to dispose of a POV before departing, the individual's unit commander will appoint an agent to dispose of the vehicle. The agent must be at least one grade above the POV owner. The agent will be granted special POA (AE Form 190-1AD), which will be valid for 90 calendar days. The current POV registration must be valid for at least 90 calendar days in order for the agent to be added. If the registration is valid for less than 90 calendar days, the owner must have the POV inspected, renew the registration, and pay the current registration fee before the agent may be added to the registration. A copy of the agent's appointment orders will be attached to the agent-owner registration. No additional drivers may be added to the agent-owner registration. The registration is valid only for the agent to ship, sell, or otherwise dispose of the vehicle.

b. Only AE Form 190-1AD, witnessed and dated at the FRS or the local staff judge advocate (SJA) office, is an acceptable POA. A person may be an agent for only one POV at a time. The use of an agent in no way relieves the owner of the responsibility to ensure proper disposition of his or her POV. The POV owner's insurance must remain in force until the vehicle is properly disposed of in accordance with this publication. If the POV is registered with joint ownership, permission from both owners is required before an agent may be appointed.

c. A POA is granted when both the owner and the agent appear at the FRS or the local SJA office and complete AE Form 190-1AD in the presence of the station clerk. The clerk will verify the identities of both the sponsor owner and the agent and ensure both are eligible to register a POV with the RMV. The agent must also be a sponsor and must read and sign AE Form 190-1AF.

d. If the owner is clearing, the owner and the agent must complete AE Form 190-1AA. The FRS clerk will then issue a POV registration that will be valid for 90 calendar days. AE Form 190-1AA must include personal information of both the owner and the agent and the name and address of the lienholder if the POV is encumbered by a lien. During the 90-day appointment, the agent must ship, transfer, or otherwise properly dispose of the POV. The 90-day owner-agent registration will not be extended. The agent must properly dispose of the POV before he or she outprocesses and departs.

e. If the requirements in subparagraph d above have not been met before the expiration of the 90-day period, the agent will register the POV in his or her name. If the POV is registered as operational, the agent will submit an ICC in his or her name. If there is a lien on the POV, the agent must obtain a lien release from the lienholder before registering the POV solely in his or her name.

3-23. WITHDRAWAL OF REGISTRATION PRIVILEGES

a. Operational registration privileges may be suspended for a period of at least 30 calendar days, but not to exceed 180 calendar days, if the owner does one of the following:

(1) Fails to register or reregister a POV 30 calendar days or more after the registration expires.

(2) Operates a POV that does not meet mechanical standards (app C).

(3) Operates a POV without insurance. The Vehicle Registry Information Network (VERINET) provides the latest valid insurance status.

(4) Abandons a POV.

(5) Alters license plates or fails to secure them properly (paras 3-18b(2) and (6)).

(6) Fails to submit payment within the time specified.

(7) Refuses to remove or cover indecent or obscene bumper stickers, signs, writing, or graphic depictions on a POV (para 3-26).

(8) Transfers license plates to another POV.

b. Suspending authorities acting in accordance with this paragraph will notify the DES or CSF of suspensions.

c. Owners may appeal suspensions of registration privileges to the appellate authority if they believe the suspending authority has acted unjustly. The decision of the appellate authority will be final.

3-24. REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR RACING EVENTS AND OFFROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

a. POVs used exclusively for racing events and offroad recreational vehicles must be registered. Registration requirements are the same as those for POV registration (para 3-5) except that—

(1) The completed AE Form 190-1AA and a written request must be sent through the chain of command for USAG commander or USAFE/AFAFRICA MSG or LSG commander approval. AE Form 190-1AA requires USAG commander or USAFE/AFAFRICA MSG or LSG commander approval regardless of the applicant's grade.

(2) Proof of insurance or mechanical inspection is not required. However, the racing or offroad site's third-party liability insurance must be valid for a POV or offroad recreational vehicle before the owner or operator may use the vehicle in an event at the racing or offroad site.

(3) Neither license plates nor decals will be issued since racing and offroad recreational vehicles may not be operated or towed on public roads. They must be transported to and from racing and offroad sites on a trailer.

b. Owners will comply with the requirements of German law and local racing-club regulations. This includes provisions concerning third-party liability insurance and mechanical standards. No racing or offroad recreational vehicles will be operated on public roads or in fields and woods unless specifically authorized by German authorities.

c. AE Form 190-1A issued by the RMV will be over stamped with “Racing Vehicle” (for both racing and offroad recreational vehicles) and be valid for 1 year.

3-25. LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY

a. Individuals who have retired, are discharged, are placed on a theater-wide bar, or have terminated military or civilian service lose their eligibility for U.S. Forces POV registration at 0001 hours on the day after the effective date of the respective action.

b. Personnel may register their POVs with German authorities after losing their eligibility for U.S. Forces registration. To do so, some German states (*Länder*) require a letter of history or an authorization letter for the POV, which will be issued by the RMV. A service fee must be paid to obtain either letter. Some German cities will not accept history and authorization letters. Individuals should therefore check with the local German authorities to ensure they will accept either letter before requesting issuance. Service fees will not be refunded once a letter has been issued. Personnel who have been separated for cause or misconduct, placed on a theater-wide bar, or discharged under other than honorable conditions are not eligible for a license history letter.

c. Family members who remain in Germany after the rotation or death of the sponsor retain eligibility for POV registration for 90 calendar days after the sponsor’s report date or death (AE Reg 550-175/CNE-CNA-C6F Inst 5840.1F/USAFE Inst 51-702 and AE Reg 600-700). Unaccompanied Family members who remain in Germany after their sponsor’s departure for a PCS will receive full logistic support for 90 calendar days after the sponsor’s report date. These Family members may register with German authorities during this 90-day period or must provide proof of proper disposition of the POV.

d. Military personnel in Germany who are retiring from the U.S. Forces and taking terminal leave in Germany until their retirement date and who want to continue to operate their POV with their current U.S. Forces license plates must—

(1) Request a new registration that will be valid up to the day before retirement.

(2) Return the U.S. Forces license plates on the date the registration expires and deregister the POV.

3-26. RESTRICTIONS ON DISPLAYING WRITTEN OR GRAPHIC MATERIAL ON POVs

a. U.S. Forces-registered POVs (including those registered as nonoperational) displaying indecent or obscene bumper stickers, license plates, signs, writing, or graphic depictions of any sort will not be permitted on any area under the control of U.S. Forces that has any of the following:

(1) AAFES or other personal or private business or retail-sales facilities.

(2) Athletic facilities.

(3) Childcare facilities.

(4) Commissaries.

(5) Department of Defense Dependents Schools facilities.

(6) Family housing.

(7) Libraries.

(8) Playgrounds.

(9) Recreational facilities.

(10) Theaters.

(11) Youth services facilities.

b. POVs displaying indecent or obscene matter will be denied entry to areas in subparagraph a above until the indecent or obscene matter is removed or covered. Drivers and owners of POVs displaying indecent or obscene matter in the areas in subparagraph a above will be asked to remove or cover the indecent or obscene matter or to move the POV from the area.

c. Drivers and owners of POVs displaying indecent or obscene matter are subject to having their U.S. Forces Certificate of License suspended (para 2-14) if they—

(1) Allow the POV to enter the areas in subparagraph a above after being informed that they are denied entry until the matter is removed or covered.

(2) Fail (after being given the option) to—

(a) Remove or cover indecent or obscene matter on the POV located on the area in subparagraph a above.

(b) Move the POV from the areas in subparagraph a above.

d. The use of decals and material attached to the POV that show connection with the United States (for example, old installation or inspection decals, U.S. patriotic decals, American slogan decals) are prohibited on POVs with U.S. Forces-provided German license plates. Removing these decals will help prevent the POVs from displaying the owner's affiliation with the U.S. Forces in Germany. This policy does not apply to decals and permits prescribed in paragraph 3-19.

e. The use of decals and other material attached to the POV or displayed in windows advertising commercial or home businesses are prohibited. Displaying these types of decals and material on POVs will cause the POV to be rejected at the vehicle safety inspection and, if found later on the vehicle, will cause the registration to be canceled until the owner complies with this requirement.