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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

Subject: Policy Letter 5-4, Guidelines and Requirements on the Use of Motorcycles and Similar Vehicles, Bicycles, Skateboards and the Users of Headphones

1. Reference. Army in Europe Regulation 190-1, Registering and Operating Privately Owned Motor Vehicles in Germany, dated 13 August 2012, Para 5-5, 5-6, 5-7, Army Regulation 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 23 August 2007/RAR 4 October 2011, Para 6-5.

2. Purpose. To establish policy for the use of motorcycles and similar vehicles, bicycles, skateboards and the users of headphones in the U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder area of responsibility.

3. Applicability. Applies to all Solidiers and Civilian employees of the US Government and their Family Members assigned or attached to the U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder. Violations of this policy may result in administrative and/or punitive action taken under the provisions of the UCMJ and/or AER 27-9, Misconduct by Civilians.

4. Policy. The intent of this policy is to afford users of motorcycles and similar vehicles, bicycles, skateboards and the users of headphones a level of safety and enjoyment while balancing the needs of the community and the maintenance of community facilities that are often degraded by improper use of these recreational vehicles.

5. Procedures.

a. General. A motorcycle operator has the same rights and responsibilities as the driver of any other vehicle under this publication. This section prescribes additional guidance unique to operating motorcycles.

b. Motorcycle Safety.

(1) Motorcycle operators will ride only on the permanently attached seat. Operators will not carry another person on a motorcycle unless the motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person. Passengers must ride on the permanent and regular seat (if designed for two persons) or a sidecar.

(2) Persons riding a motorcycle must sit facing forward with one leg on each side of the motorcycle.

(3) Motorcycle operators will not carry bundles, packages or other articles that prevent them from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

(4) Motorcycle passengers will not interfere with the operation or control of the motorcycle or, obstruct the view of the operator.

(5) Motorcycle riders will not attach themselves or the motorcycle to any other vehicle on the road.

(6) Motorcycle operators and passengers will wear—

(a) A helmet properly fastened under the chin. Helmets must meet the standards set by the American National Standards Institute, the Snell Memorial Foundation Standards, the *Institut für Zweiradsicherheit e.V.* (Institute for Two-Wheel Safety), or the Economic Commission of Europe for bicycle helmets.

(b) Eye protection. Eye protection must meet the Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission Regulation standards or the European equivalent. Eye protection must be impact- or shatter-resistant goggles or a full-face shield properly attached to the helmet. A windshield or eye glasses alone are not proper eye protection.

(c) Protective clothing. Clothing will include clothing required by DODI 6055.4, the *Institut für Zweiradsicherheit e.V.*, or the European equivalent—

- Full-fingered gloves.

- High-visibility garments (bright-colored clothing (for example, yellow, bright green, red, orange) for day travel and reflective clothing for night travel). When wearing military uniforms, military operators will wear a brightly colored reflective PT-style vest that is clearly visible from the front and rear of the motorcycle. Operators in military uniform may also wear brightly colored approved motorcycle riding jackets. The Army PT jacket worn with an orange or yellow reflective belt (worn diagonally across the shoulder) meets both day and night requirements.

- Over-the-ankle footwear according to DODI 6055.4, paragraph E3.2.7.1.3. Footwear should be made of sturdy leather and have a good oil-resistant sole to reduce slipping hazards. Service boots meet this requirement.

- Long-sleeved shirt or jacket.

- Full-length trousers.

c. Motorcycle Operations on Roads With Traffic Lanes. Motorcycle operators—

(1) May use a full lane. Drivers of other vehicles will not deprive motorcycles of a lane.

(2) Will not drive between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines of vehicles.

(3) Will not travel side-by-side in the same lane.

d. Motorcycles and Other Vehicles With Motorcycle-Type Engines. The following traffic rules apply to motorcycles and other motorized and self-propelled, open, two-wheel, three-wheel, and four-wheel vehicles powered by an engine:

(1) Headlights and taillights must be turned on when the vehicle is in operation.

(2) Each side of the handlebars must have a rearview mirror.

(3) Pocket bikes and similar vehicles will not be registered, licensed, or operated on public roads or on installations in Germany unless certified by manufacturers as legal for highway use.

e. Riding bicycles and skateboards.

(1) Bicyclists will—

(a) Ride only on a seat attached to the bike.

(b) Carry only the number of people the bicycle is designed and equipped to carry. Passengers must sit in an authorized, attached seat.

(d) Not ride side by side.

(e) Not carry bundles, packages, or other articles that prevent the bicyclist from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.

(f) Not ride a bicycle while using a cell phone. Bicycle operators will not use cell phones or wear listening devices that impede hearing and the detection of impending danger.

Individuals apprehended by German police using a cell phone while riding a bicycle may be fined.

(2) People riding bicycles, scooters, roller-skates, sleds, skateboards, or toy vehicles will not attach themselves to other moving vehicles.

f. Riding Areas. Bicyclists will—

(1) Use paths, sidewalks, or parts of the road marked for bicycle use when available.

(2) Ride as far to the right of the road as possible.

(3) Be careful when passing a stopped vehicle or a vehicle going in the same direction.

g. Safety Equipment.

(1) Bicycles ridden during hours of darkness must have a headlight that emits a white light and a taillight that emits a red light. Bicyclists will wear light-colored clothing or reflective accessories.

(2) Bicycles must have standard brakes that, when applied, safely stop the bicycle.

(3) Bicycle wheels must have two reflectors mounted 180 degrees apart on the spokes. Bicycle pedals must have reflectors designed and placed to be visible from the front and rear of the bicycle during darkness.

(4) Bicycle operators and passengers on U.S. Forces installations must wear an approved helmet properly fastened under the chin. Helmets must meet the standards set by the American National Standards Institute, the Snell Memorial Foundation Standards, the *Institut für Zweiradsicherheit e.V.*, or the Economic Commission of Europe for bicycle helmets. NOTE: As an exception, local national personnel are not required to wear a safety helmet when riding a bicycle on U.S. military installations in Germany. It is, however, highly recommended that they do so.

d. Skates and Skateboards.

(1) General. Skaters, skateboarders, and kick-scooter riders will—

(a) Use the right side of paths, trails, and sidewalks or other designated areas.

(b) Not skate or ride skateboards or scooters in traffic.

(c) Yield to pedestrians.

(d) Not carry anyone or ride with more than one person on the board.

(e) Not use cell phones or wear listening devices that impede hearing and the detection of impending danger.

(2) Safety Equipment. Skaters, skateboarders, and kick-scooter riders will:

(a) Wear protective gear according to standards for bicycle helmets (5.g.(4) above).

(b) Wear kneepads, elbow pads, and wrist guards.

(c) Wear light-colored clothing or reflective accessories.

e. Use of headphones. The use of headphones or earphones while walking, jogging, skating, and bicycling, including pocket bike, motorcycle or moped on Army installation is prohibited unless you are on the Minick Field track.

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