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Summary. This regulation prescribes procedures and responsibilities governing the United States participation in the US-ROK Joint Committee under the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), Article XXVIII, hereinafter referred to in this regulation as the Joint Committee.

Summary of Change. This regulation has been substantially changed. A full review of its contents is required.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all commands of Headquarters (HQ), United States Forces, Korea (USFK), and other personnel or agencies of the United States (US) Armed Forces present in the Republic of Korea (ROK), except the Joint United States Military Affairs Group Korea and US military personnel attached to the American Embassy (AMEMB).

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1-1. Purpose

This regulation prescribes procedures and responsibilities governing the United States participation in the US-ROK Joint Committee under the SOFA, Article XXVIII, hereinafter referred to in this regulation as the Joint Committee.

1-2. References

a. Required publication. Agreement Under Article IV of the Mutual Defense Treaty Between the United States of America & the Republic of Korea, Regarding Facilities and Areas and the Status of United States Armed Forces in the Republic of Korea as amended cited in § 1-1, 2-1, 2-2, appendix A, appendix B and appendix C.

b. Related publications.

(1) USFK Regulation 550-51, International Agreements, cited in 1-4, 2-1 and 2-2.

(2) USFK Regulation 405-7, Facilities and Areas (Real Estate) Policies and Procedures in Korea, cited in § 2-2.

(3) DoD Directive 5530.3 International Agreements, cited in § 1-4.

1-3. Abbreviation and Terms

Abbreviations and terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

1-4. Responsibilities

a. The Joint Committee is composed of one US representative and one ROK representative. The United States Ambassador to the Republic of Korea appoints the Deputy Commander, USFK, to be the United States Representative to the Joint Committee. The US Representative is responsible to and receives policy guidance from the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. The Republic of Korea Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade appoints the Director General for North American Affairs to be the ROK Representative to the Joint Committee.

b. The US Representative is assisted by the following personnel:

(1) An Alternate US Representative who is appointed by the US Representative.

(2) An American Embassy representative appointed by the US Ambassador.

(3) A permanent secretariat hereinafter referred to in this regulation as the SOFA Secretariat staffed by the Secretary for the US Component of the Joint Committee (United States Secretary), two assistant secretaries, an administrative officer and an interpreter-translator qualified to certify dual-language agreements in accordance with DoDD 5530.3, International Agreements, promulgated in USFK Regulation 550-51.

Chapter 2

Policy and Procedures

2-1. Policy

The Joint Committee is established under the SOFA Article XXVIII and is the means for consultation between the US and the ROK Governments on matters regarding the implementation of the US-ROK SOFA and for determining the facilities and areas in the ROK which are required for the use of the US armed forces. Telecommunications matters are to be resolved directly between designated communications authorities of the two Governments (SOFA Article III, §2(b)). Air traffic control matters shall be developed in close coordination and integration by arrangement between the appropriate authorities of the two Governments (SOFA Article XII, §1). Any problems regarding implementation of the US-ROK SOFA will be brought before the Joint Committee through the appropriate channels of the respective Governments. If the Joint Committee is unable to resolve any matter, it will be referred, through channels, to the respective Governments for further consideration.

2-2. Procedures

a. The Joint Committee determines its own procedures as agreed between the two Governments under SOFA Article XXVIII, § 2. See Appendix A for a summary of the agreed procedures approved by the Joint Committee on 9 February 1967. See Appendix B for supplementary procedures approved by the Joint Committee. Component commands and staff agencies may submit issues for Joint Committee consideration through their respective command channels to the Office of the Special Assistant to the Deputy Commander, USFK, ATTN: FKDC-SA, APO 96205-5237.

b. The Joint Committee may establish subcommittees and other auxiliary organizations to render advice and formulate recommendations to the Joint Committee on matters referred to them by the Joint Committee. See Appendix C for procedures and responsibilities and Appendix D for the list of subcommittees and auxiliary organizations established by the Joint Committee.

c. The US Representative will appoint the chairperson of the US component of each subcommittee. The USFK joint staff and US military service component staffs will support the US component subcommittee chairperson's requests for subcommittee participation by subject matter experts (SME) so as to assure effective discharge of the responsibilities levied by the Joint Committee. The US component of each subcommittee will include a representative from the SOFA Secretariat (FKDC-SA) and the Office of the Judge Advocate (OJA).

d. The US component subcommittee chairperson and other US personnel empowered to negotiate and recommend agreements to the Joint Committee will comply with USFK Regulation 550-51, § 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 and the restrictions on US assistance to foreign governments contained in USFKR 550-51, Appendix B. All real estate actions will comply with established US-ROK Joint Committee procedures, USFK Regulation 405-7 and Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) Message 142159Z Dec 93, Department of Defense (DOD) Policy and Procedures for the Realignment of Overseas Sites.

e. Subcommittees are responsible only to the Joint Committee, which has exclusive authority to assign tasks to, and act upon recommendations from, the subcommittees. Therefore, component commands may not directly assign projects to subcommittees, and may not take action upon recommendations from subcommittees, before the Joint Committee approves the recommendations.

Appendix A

Summary of Procedures for Operation of the Joint Committee

A-1. The Joint Committee holds regularly scheduled meetings at times and locations mutually agreed on by the Joint Committee representatives. Either the US or ROK representative may, however, call additional sessions of the Joint Committee at any time.

A-2. The chairmanship of Joint Committee meetings rotates between the ROK and US representatives. When the ROK representative presides, the meeting is held in a ROK Government conference room; when the US representative presides, it is held in a USFK conference room.

A-3. The ROK Government is responsible for maintaining the official index of Joint Committee actions and agreements. The US component of the Joint Committee is responsible for preparing the minutes of the official Joint Committee meetings, for coordinating those minutes with the ROK component to obtain joint US-ROK approval of the minutes, and for their publication.

A-4. The official minutes of the Joint Committee meetings are considered official documents pertaining to both Governments and are not releasable without mutual agreement. In addition, no press release will be issued following a Joint Committee meeting or any other action of the Joint Committee without mutual agreement.

A-5. The Joint Committee possesses the flexibility necessary for effective functioning of the Joint Committee in implementing the US-ROK SOFA. By mutual agreement of the US and ROK Representatives, provisions have been made for Joint Committee exigent actions to be accomplished without a formal Joint Committee meeting. Such emergency actions will later be recorded in the official minutes of a Joint Committee meeting.

Appendix B Supplementary Procedures For Operation Of the Joint Committee

<As of March 21, 2001>

Pursuant to Article XXVIII, § 2 of the US-ROK SOFA and § 6 of the Procedures for Operation of the ROK-US Joint Committee, adopted at the 1st Meeting of the Joint Committee held on February 9, 1967, the representatives of the Republic of Korea and the United States of America have agreed to the following Supplementary Procedures for Operation of the Republic of Korea - United States Joint Committee:

B-1. In addition to the existing formal, numbered meetings of the Joint Committee, informal meetings shall be held periodically. In principle, formal meetings of the Joint Committee shall be held twice a year, while informal meetings of the Joint Committee shall be held four times a year, in the interim periods between the formal meetings.

B-2. The Joint Committee representatives, their deputies and staff, as referred to in Article XXVIII, § 2 of the SOFA, and pertinent subcommittee chairpersons and their staff as required, shall attend formal, numbered meetings of the Joint Committee. Relevant government officials may observe the meeting. In order to promote efficient functioning of the Joint Committee, formal meetings of the Joint Committee shall be conducted solely on the basis of the agenda, which is jointly prepared and approved by the two sides, in written form, at least one week prior to the meeting. The official minutes of the formal Joint Committee meetings shall be prepared by the ROK and US SOFA Secretariats, which shall be approved by both the ROK and the US Representatives before the next Joint Committee meeting. The minutes shall include, but not be limited to, a brief summary of the substantive discussion of the meeting and a list with attachment of all exigent actions and correspondence of the Joint Committee since the last formal meeting.

B-3. The two Joint Committee Representatives, their deputies and staff, and specified subcommittee chairpersons and their staff as required, shall attend informal meetings, depending upon the issues to be discussed at the meeting. Relevant government officials may observe the meeting. The purpose of informal meetings of the Joint Committee is to foster constructive and candid dialogue so as to expedite the resolution of pending issues assigned to specific subcommittees with the guidance of the Joint Committee representatives. No official minutes shall be kept of informal meetings. If the two representatives reach an agreement during an informal meeting, a memorandum may be prepared and approved for inclusion in the minutes of the next formal meeting. The two sides shall exchange an informal agenda consisting of a list of the issues to be discussed at least one week prior to the meeting.

Appendix C

Responsibilities and Procedures of Subcommittees and Auxiliary Organizations of the Joint Committee

C-1. Purpose

To prescribe responsibilities and procedures governing US participation in subcommittees and auxiliary organizations of the Joint Committee.

C-2. Responsibilities

a. The chairperson of the US component of each subcommittee is appointed by the Deputy Commander, USFK (the US Representative to the Joint Committee) in consultation with USFK component commanders and supervisors. In this regard, the Deputy Commander is free to call upon the services of any active duty military officer or member of the civilian component assigned to the Republic of Korea as necessary to perform these duties.

b. The chairperson of the US component of each subcommittee will, in consultation with the US Secretary to the Joint Committee and the commands or staff divisions concerned, determine US component membership. Care will be taken to ensure that the US component includes all appropriate subject matter experts and will include a representative of the SOFA Secretariat (FKDC-SA) and the Office of the Judge Advocate, HQ USFK (FKJA). Changes in membership positions may be made, when deemed appropriate, by the chairperson of the US component in consultation with the member's commander or supervisor. The chairperson or secretary of the US component will notify the SOFA Secretariat (FKDC-SA), of changes made to membership positions on the US component and the ROK component.

c. The members of the US component of each subcommittee serve under the US chairperson of that subcommittee. The chairperson will assign specific tasks to the members, generally in consonance with each member's field of special competence.

C-3. Policy

Pursuant to the SOFA, Article XXVIII, the Joint Committee establishes permanent and ad hoc subcommittees and working groups to render advice and formulate recommendations on technical and specialized matters. Subcommittees and joint working groups advise and formulate recommendations on matters specifically referred to them by the Joint Committee. The Civil-Military Relations, Illegal Transactions in Duty Free Goods, and Utilities Subcommittees are authorized by the Joint Committee to render advice and formulate recommendations in the absence of formal tasking from the Joint Committee within the stipulated limits of responsibility established by the Joint Committee. All subcommittee and working group recommendations must be approved by the Joint Committee before becoming effective. Subcommittee chairpersons may establish working groups to focus efforts on a specific task or issue which are ordinarily dissolved upon completion of the assigned task.

C-4. Procedures

The following procedures will govern meetings and internal operations of the US components of subcommittees and working groups:

a. Subcommittee support. Subcommittee chairpersons receive support from the US SOFA Secretariat (HQ USFK, ATTN: FKDC-SA, Unit #15237, APO AP 96205-5237), including expert advice and interpreter-translator support for US-ROK negotiations, guidance concerning Joint Committee procedures and protocol, and administrative support services in connection with use of the Joint Committee conference room. Subcommittee chairpersons are encouraged to hold US-

only and US-ROK meetings in the SOFA Joint Committee conference room, Yongsan Building 1600, whenever Joint Committee meetings are not scheduled.

b. US position. Members are obliged to coordinate, within their respective command, all matters brought before the subcommittee/working group and to keep their command informed about subcommittee/working group recommendations. In order to prevent undue delay, each member should have delegated authority to negotiate the represented command's position during US-only meetings of the US component. During the course of US component meetings, each member will be afforded an opportunity to present their respective command's views. The US position to be taken at US-ROK meetings will be determined by the chairperson of US component prior to meeting with the ROK component in consultation with the US Representative (Deputy Commander, USFK). US members who differ with the US position decided upon by the chairperson of the US component may submit a minority report to the US Representative (Deputy Commander, USFK) before the US position is presented to the ROK component of the US-ROK subcommittee. No draft US position may be passed to any official of the ROK unless reviewed by the US Secretariat (HQ USFK/FKDC-SA) for conformance with the SOFA and Joint Committee procedures and by the Office of the Judge Advocate for legal sufficiency.

c. Spokesperson. At US-ROK meetings, the chairperson of the US component is the official US spokesperson and no divergence from a single US position will be expressed.

d. Language Requirements. Under Joint Committee procedures, tasks assigned to, and findings and recommendations from, subcommittees and working groups are to be in the English language. When the ROK Component requires a Korean language text of an agreement, US law prohibits any US official from signing until a competent translator has provided a written certification that the English and the Korean texts are equally authentic and have the same meaning in all substantive respects. The translator's certificate of authenticity must be attached when the recommendation is submitted to the Joint Committee. As this process often takes time and may require additional negotiations, negotiators should plan ahead and allow sufficient time to reconcile differences prior to scheduling a "signing ceremony" for the document.

e. Agreed Recommendations. Customarily, the side proposing Joint Committee deliberation of an issue submits the formulated recommendation to the Joint Committee. All recommendations, except certain routine recommendations of the Facilities and Areas Subcommittee, are submitted in draft form by the chairperson of the US component of the subcommittee to the US SOFA Secretariat (HQ USFK, ATTN: FKDC-SA, Unit #15237, APO AP 96205-5237) for review. When recommendations are submitted to the Joint Committee by the US component, the recommendations and evidence of OJA final legal review will be forwarded through the SOFA Secretariat (FKDC-SA). When recommendations are submitted to the Joint Committee by the ROK component, the chairperson of the US component will obtain copies of all pertinent documents and furnish them to the US SOFA Secretariat (FKDC-SA). Recommendations will follow the attached Sample Format or another format approved by the Joint Committee.

f. Recommendations by subcommittees and other subordinate elements of the Joint Committee must be approved by the Joint Committee before they become effective.

g. Minutes. The chairperson of the US component of each subcommittee and joint working group established by the Joint Committee will insure a copy of minutes or a brief summary of each US-ROK meeting is forwarded to the US SOFA Secretariat (Headquarters, USFK, ATTN: FKDC-SA, Unit #15237, APO AP 96205-5237) and all subcommittee/joint working group members.

h. Information.

(1) The US component chairpersons are responsible to the Deputy Commander, USFK (US Representative) to render pertinent information about subcommittee/working group activities. The US component chairperson will report the US position derived through the US-only meeting process to the US Representative prior to official US-ROK subcommittee meetings in sufficient time to receive guidance.

(2) The SOFA Secretariat maintains space on the USFK Portal at the following URL: <https://8army.korea.army.mil/sites/USFK/intraagency/SOFA/default.aspx/>. It provides a variety of information relevant to the SOFA, the Joint Committee and the subcommittees. Each subcommittee also has a link on the Portal which should be kept current. The US component chairpersons are responsible to the Deputy Commander, USFK, to insure that the portal's SOFA web space relevant to their subcommittee is continuously updated, including meeting schedules posted on the calendar and the status of assigned tasks, by forwarding required information to the SOFA Secretariat (FKDC-SA) for posting. Report problems encountered in using the SOFA web space to the SOFA Secretariat (FKDC-SA).

SAMPLE FORMAT

(name) SUBCOMMITTEE
UNDER
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT JOINT COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Agreed Recommendation (AR) Concerning (Title & Assigned Task Number)

Recommendation. (The recommendation in full, including appropriate references, enclosures, attachments, annexes, etc. In the event of disagreement between the US and the ROK components of the subcommittee, paragraphs or separate enclosures should present the US and ROK recommendations, the portions agreed upon, and the portions in disagreement, with appropriate references to articles and sections of the SOFA). This section may include subparagraphs to delineate Mutually Agreed Conditions, and responsibilities specific to the USFK and ROK.

(Required) Disagreements. Any disagreement concerning implementation of this agreement which cannot be resolved by the (title) Subcommittee will be referred to the Joint Committee.

(Required if English and Korean versions of the AR are to be signed) The English and Korean language texts are equally authentic. A memorandum certifying that the Korean and English texts conform to each other and have the same meaning in all substantive respects is at Enclosure (X).

(Required) This recommendation shall not become effective unless approved by the US-ROK Joint Committee and may be revised or amended by the US-ROK Joint Committee. Either Party to this agreement may submit proposed changes to the Joint Committee through the appropriate subcommittee and the Secretariat of the US Component or the ROK Component to the Joint Committee.

(Name)
Chairperson, US Component
Date_____

(Name)
Chairperson, ROK Component
Date_____

(NOTE 1: The signature block of the component (US or ROK) that initiated the task is placed on the left side. In the sample above, the U.S. side initiated the task. For ROK initiated tasks, the ROK Chairperson's signature block would be on the left.)

(NOTE 2: Apply one inch margin – top, bottom, right and left)

Figure C-1. Sample Memorandum for Procedures of Subcommittees and Joint Committee

Appendix D

Subcommittees and Auxiliary Organs of the Joint Committee

Permanent Subcommittees (15)

Animal and Plant Health Inspection

Chairperson. CDR, 106th Medical Detachment (VS), 65th Medical Brigade, EUSA.

Responsibility. To consult and render advice and recommendations on matters pertaining to health and sanitation referred to it by the Joint Committee in accordance with Article XXVI and XXVIII of the SOFA and other matters as deemed expedient and proper. (180th JC, 2 Apr 01, p. 786).

Civil Jurisdiction (Claims)

Chairperson. Deputy Judge Advocate, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult and give advice and recommendations on civil jurisdiction (claims) matters referred to it by the Joint Committee concerning Article XXIII of the SOFA, and other matters as deemed expedient and proper (2nd PWG, 19 Jan 67, p. 22 & 29).

Civil-Military Relations

Chairperson. Public Affairs Officer, USFK.

Responsibility. To promote positive images of the USFK, expand programs between USFK and Korean communities, inform community leaders and organizations about the USFK mission and conduct or sponsor studies to help resolve community grievances against USFK (182nd JC, 5 Feb 03, p. 353).

Commerce Subcommittee

Chairperson. Assistant Chief of Staff, Acquisition Management, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult and give advice and recommendations on matters referred to it by the Joint Committee concerning Article XV (except Criminal Jurisdiction and Vehicle Licensing Provisions) and Article XVI of the SOFA and other matters as deemed expedient and proper by the Joint Committee. (2nd PWG, 19 Jan 67, p. 22 & 30).

Criminal Jurisdiction

Chairperson. Judge Advocate, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult and give advice and recommendations on criminal jurisdiction matters referred to it by the Joint Committee concerning Article VII, XV, § 8, and XXII of the SOFA, and other matters as deemed expedient and proper by the Joint Committee. (2nd PWG, 19 Jan 67, p. 22 & 29).

Criminal Jurisdiction - Security and Law Enforcement

Chairperson. Provost Marshall, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult and give advice and recommendations on security and law enforcement matters referred to it by the Joint Committee concerning Article XXV of the SOFA and other matters as deemed expedient and proper by the Joint Committee. (39th JC, 19 Jun 69, p. 1756).

Cultural Properties Protection

Chairperson. Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineer, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult and report findings and recommendations on matters concerning cultural properties protection referred to it by the Joint Committee and other matters as deemed expedient and proper by the Joint Committee. (184th JC, 7 Jul 05, p. 51).

Entry and Exit

Chairperson. Assistant Chief of Staff, J1, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult and give advice and recommendations on entry and exit matters referred to it by the Joint Committee concerning Article VIII of the SOFA, and other matters as deemed expedient and proper by the Joint Committee (2nd PWG, 19 Jan 67, p. 22 & 30; 171st JC, 26 Jun 92, p. 14170, § 26).

Environmental

Chairperson. Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineer, USFK.

Responsibility. To undertake directed actions and make recommendations to the Joint Committee on matters of mutual environmental concern pertaining to public health and sanitation; to study issues and make recommendations to the Joint Committee concerning environmental matters involving the US armed forces in Korea. (173rd JC, 8 Oct 93, p. 14941-14943).

Facilities and Areas

Chairperson. Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineer, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult and give advice and recommendations on facilities and areas matters referred to it by the Joint Committee concerning Articles II through V of the SOFA, and other matters as deemed expedient and proper by the Joint Committee. (2nd PWG, 19 Jan 67, p. 29; 5th JC, 11 Apr 67, p. 146; 21st JC, 21 Feb 68, p. 685-686)

Finance (Financial Affairs)

Chairperson. Assistant Chief of Staff, RM, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult and give advice and recommendations on financial matters referred to it by the Joint Committee concerning Articles XIV, XVIII, XIX, XXI and the part of Article XVII concerning withholding taxes of the SOFA and other matters as deemed expedient and proper by the Joint Committee. (2nd PWG, 19 Jan 67, p. 22-23)

Finance (Personnel Affairs)

Chairperson. Assistant Chief of Staff, J1, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult and give advice and recommendations on personnel affairs matters referred to it by the Joint Committee concerning Articles IX, XIII and XX of the SOFA and other matters as deemed expedient and proper by the Joint Committee. (2nd PWG, 19 Jan 67, p. 22-23)

Illegal Transactions in Duty-Free Goods

Chairperson. Assistant Chief of Staff, J1, USFK.

Responsibility: To study and analyze problems involving the black marketing of goods imported by the USFK and US SOFA personnel and to make recommendations for necessary actions, both preventive and corrective, designed to eliminate black marketing in accordance with Article VII, IX, § 6 through 9 and XXV of the SOFA. (95th JC, 5 Jun 74, p. 5947; 171st JC, 26 Jun 92, p. 14170).

Labor

Chairperson. Director of Civilian Personnel, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult and give advice and recommendations on labor matters referred to it by the Joint Committee concerning Article XVII of the SOFA excepting so much of that Article and § 3 of the Agreed Minutes for that Article as it pertains to withholding taxes, the Korean Service Corps agreement and other matters as deemed expedient and proper by the Joint Committee. (2nd PWG, 19 Jan 67, p. 22 & 29).

Transportation

Chairperson. Chief, Transportation Division, Assistant Chief of Staff, J4, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult and give advice and recommendations on matters referred to it by the Joint Committee concerning Articles X XI, XII, XV (as it refers to licensing of privately owned vehicles of invited contractors), and XXIV of the SOFA, and other matters as deemed expedient and proper by the Joint Committee. (2nd PWG, 19 Jan 67, p. 22 & 30)

Utilities

Chairperson. Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineer, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult and give advice and recommendations on utilities and services matters referred to it by the Joint Committee concerning Article VI of the SOFA, and other matters as deemed expedient and proper by the Joint Committee. (20th JC, 18 Jan 68, p. 613-614).

Ad Hoc Subcommittees (3)

Korean Access to NAFO

Chairperson. US Secretary to the Joint Committee.

Responsibility. To give advice and make recommendations to the Joint Committee on matters pertaining to access to and membership in USFK NAFO by Korean citizens. (183rd JC, 11 Jun 04, p. 36).

Land Partnership Plan

Chairperson. Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineer, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult, negotiate and present recommendations on all matters pertaining to the US-ROK Land Partnership Plan (LPP) until its completion, in accordance with Articles II, III, IV and V of the SOFA. (181st JC, 24 May 02, p. 45 & 112)

Yongsan Relocation Plan

Chairperson. Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineer, USFK.

Responsibility. To consult, negotiate and present recommendations on all matters pertaining to the relocation of US forces from the Seoul metropolitan area until its completion, in accordance with Articles II, III, IV and V of the SOFA. (183rd JC, 11 Jun 04, p. 35; 184th JC, 7 Jul 05, p. 243).

Ad Hoc Joint Working Groups (1)

Occupational Health and Safety

Chairperson. Assistant US Secretary to the Joint Committee.

Responsibility. To hold consultations and report findings and recommendations concerning the application of the ROK Industrial Safety and Health Act (ISHA) to Korean companies engaged in construction projects under contract to the US armed forces at US granted facilities in Korea. Specifically, the JWG will conduct a review of health and safety related requirements of the ISHA with the US armed forces' health and safety requirements stated in projects' contracts with the goal of harmonizing the requirements and reducing them to the greatest degree possible while continuing to maintain the highest standards of workplace health and safety for all employees. (185th JC, 24 Oct 06, p. 51-52)

Glossary

AMEMB	American Embassy
DOD	Department of Defense
HQ	Headquarters
ISHA	Industrial Safety and Health Act
ROK	Republic of Korea
SECDEF	Secretary of Defense
SOFA	Status of Forces Agreement
U.S.	United States
USFK	United State Forces Korea