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METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES

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**Summary.** This regulation outlines responsibilities for providing weather support for United States Forces Korea (USFK). Specific responsibilities are contained in weather support documents of individual Eighth Army units and Air Force weather units supporting USFK.

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

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to all USFK, USFK Service Components and subordinate organizations, and units supporting USFK in the Korean Theater.

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### **Glossary**

## **1. Purpose**

Timely notification of adverse weather is essential for protecting military resources. This regulation outlines responsibilities for providing weather support for United States Forces Korea (USFK). Specific responsibilities are contained in weather support documents of the individual Eighth Army units and Air Force weather units providing weather support to USFK.

## **2. References**

The following are required publications:

- a. AR 115-10/AFJI 15-157 (IP), Weather Support for the U.S. Army.
- b. COMTHIRDFLT/COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201, Annex H.
- c. Joint Publication (JP) 3-59, Meteorological and Oceanographic Operations.
- d. NAVOCEANCOMINST 3140.1L (U.S. Navy Oceanographic and Meteorological System Support Manual).
- e. USPACOMINST 0539.2, Meteorological and Oceanographic (METOC) Support to Joint Operations in U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM).
- f. USFK Regulation 115-1 (USFK Area Weather Advisories and Tropical Cyclone Procedures for the Republic of Korea).

## **3. Explanation of Abbreviations**

Abbreviations used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

## **4. Responsibilities**

- a. The Pacific Air Forces, through the Seventh Air Force (7 AF), resources the 607th Weather Squadron (607 WS) to provide weather support to HQ USFK.
- b. The USFK Commander designates the 607 WS/CC as the Joint METOC Officer (USFK-JMO) with functions executed under the guidance and direction of the J2 and in accordance with (IAW) JP 3-59.
- c. The 607 WS:
  - (1) Executes JMO duties and weather support functions IAW the references in paragraph 2.
  - (2) Provides armistice, exercise, crisis, and wartime support to USFK IAW the references listed in paragraph 2.
  - (3) Identifies and coordinates U.S. requirements for combined METOC support, to include liaison to the combined METOC cell.
  - (4) Provides dedicated weather teams to provide armistice, exercise, crisis, and wartime observing, flight weather briefing, forecasting, and staff briefing support to Eighth Army units, IAW AR 115-10/AFJI 15-157(IP), and USFK Regulation 115-1. The 607 WS supports the following primary Eighth Army units:

**Table 1**  
**Eighth Army Support Weather Units**

<u>Primary Customer</u>	<u>Supporting Weather Unit</u>
HQ USFK and HQ Eighth Army	HQ 607 WS, Yongsan AIN
2nd Infantry Division	Detachment 1, 607 WS, Camp Red Cloud
1st Armored Brigade Combat Team	Detachment 1, 607 WS, Camp Red Cloud
210 Fires Brigade	Detachment 1, 607 WS, Camp Red Cloud
2nd Combat Aviation Brigade	Detachment 2, 607 WS, Camp Humphreys

(5) Coordinates theater weather support requirements with the 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS) and ensures 17 OWS products and services meet Theater needs.

d. Subordinate command weather teams tailor 17 OWS guidance to their specific missions.

e. The Eighth Army provides administrative and logistical support to Air Force Battlefield Weather Teams supporting Army units, IAW AR 115-10/AFJI 15-157(IP).

f. The Pacific Fleet provides, IAW JP 3-59, USPACOMINST 0539.2, NAVOCEANCOMINST 3140.1L, and COMTHIRDFLT/ COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201, Annex H:

(1) METOC support through Seventh Fleet, Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center, and Joint Typhoon Warning Center.

(2) Oceanographic data (surf forecasts, tidal data, sea states, etc.) to HQ USFK and 17 OWS as required.

(3) Aerographer personnel to augment the Combined METOC Cell during exercises and contingencies.

g. The 607th Air Operations Center/Combat Operations Division (607 AOC/COD) provides operational weather support for HQ 7 AF. The Weather Specialty Team provides planning and operations weather support to the Korea Air Operations Center (KAOC).

h. 7th Air Force/Operations & Plans Directorate - Weather (7 AF/A3OW).

(1) Provides staff support to HQ 7 AF.

(2) Oversees weather support requirements for weather teams at Collocated Operating Bases at Suwon AB, Cheong Ju AB, Gwang Ju AB, Daegu AB, and Gimhae AB.

(3) Plans and coordinates armistice and contingency weather support requirements for Air Component Command (ACC), CFACC, and KAOCC.

**Table 2**  
**7th Air Force Supporting Weather Units**

<u>Primary Customer</u>	<u>Supporting Weather Unit</u>
51st Fighter Wing	51 OSS/OSW, Osan AB
5th Reconnaissance Squadron	51 OSS/OSW, Osan AB
731st Air Mobility Squadron	51 OSS/OSW, Osan AB
8th Fighter Wing	8 OSS/OSW, Kunsan AB
607th Air Operations Center	607 AOC/CODW, Osan AB

(4) Supplies functional oversight of weather support provided to combined and joint components of the Joint Task Force.

i. Special Operations Forces (SOF).

(1) Special Operations Command Korea coordinates weather support through USFK to U.S. Special Operations Command.

(2) Organic SOF weather assets support SOF deploying into the Theater.

j. USFK Service Component METOC teams:

(1) Observe local weather conditions.

(2) Disseminate observations through service meteorological networks.

(3) Provide mission execution forecasts and flight weather briefing support to their respective units and commands.

(4) If no organic METOC support is available, coordinate with USFK/607th Weather Squadron for required support.

k. U.S. military units deploying to the Korean peninsula requiring weather support should identify requirements through their respective USFK Service Component.

l. U.S. military weather units should coordinate requests for support through their respective USFK Service Component to the FKJ2-SWO.

**5. Requirement Control Symbol Assignment**

These information requirements are exempt from a Requirement Control Symbol IAW AR 335-15, subparagraph 5-2c(4).

**Glossary  
Abbreviations**

AF	Air Force
HQ	Headquarters
IAW	In accordance with
JMO	Joint METOC Officer
METOC	Meteorology and Oceanography
OWS	Operational Weather Squadron
SOF	Special Operations Forces
SWO	Staff Weather Officer
USFK	United States Forces Korea
WS	Weather Squadron