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# U.S. Forces Customs Europe

## Customs Field Office In-Processing Briefing





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# Purpose

**To familiarize incoming DoD personnel with German and U.S. Customs Laws and Army in Europe Regulations as they apply to the U.S. Forces in Germany.**

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**Operating Hours for both Customs Office  
Monday thru Friday 9:00-12:00, 1300-1500  
closed for lunch 1200-13:00**



**Closed on the first Thursday of the month for training**

**Customs Web Page: <http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/customs.htm>**



## Monthly Rations in Germany

# NOTICE

**Rationed Items are  
not Transferable.**

**For your own  
personal use only.**

**Items are not for  
resale.**

**Tobacco - 4 Cartons of  
Cigarettes**

**Coffee - 5 lb. Ground  
Or 20 Oz. Instant**

**Liquor - 6.5 Liters**

# WARNING

**Violations subject to  
disciplinary action.**





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# IMPORTS INTO GERMANY

AE Form 550-175A

Import/Export Certificate/Purchase Permit

## Used For:

## Required

### Documents/Information

Valid ID Card

Detailed Item Description

Purchase Price (Bill of sale for  
Vehicles)

Full Name and Address where item  
was purchased from

Import mode information

## NOT Used For:

- Imports from non-EU countries into Germany
- Purchases from Customs Bonded Warehouses
- For Personal Use ONLY!
- Pets, Prescription Drugs, Rationed Items and Items intended for resale
- Commercial purposes
- Home-Based Business
- Government Imports





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## Transferring Items to Non-ID Card Holders

### AE Form 550-175B / Permit to Transfer

- Transfer of personal property items imported duty-free or purchased tax-free to non-ID card holders
- ALL Vehicle sales/transfers
- ALL Personally owned firearms

**NOTE:** Items must be in possession of seller for at least 6 months.



### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Valid ID card
- ✓ Valid USAREUR registration for POV
- ✓ Valid USAREUR registration and Serial Number for Firearms.
- ✓ Bill of Sale stating the following: seller's and buyer's full name, address, phone, and passport number, sales price, complete vehicle information
- ✓ **If there is a lien on the vehicle you also need a lien release or letter of authorization from the lienholder**
- ✓ Power of Attorney holders need copy of POA and have logistical support.
- ✓ Spouses do not need POA.



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## Authority to Operate USAREUR Plated POV

### AE Form 550-175C (Request) / 550-175D (Authority)

Authority to Operate a USAREUR-Plated POV by visiting non-dependent, family members and friends

**International Driver's License (not issued in Germany)**

**Applications for relatives and friends can be accepted and approved at any Customs Field Office.**

**Note: Command Sponsored family members in Germany MUST obtain a USAREUR driver's license to be eligible to drive a USAREUR plated vehicle.**

### **Requirements:**

**Copy of passport  
Copy of International  
Driver's Lic:  
Relationship  
Vehicle Information  
Valid ID Card**

**Authorization can not exceed 90 days!!**





## The APO System



### ➤ PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✦ Alcoholic Beverages
- ✦ Coffee and Coffee Products
- ✦ Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products
- ✦ Drugs, Drug Paraphernalia and ALL Prescription Medication
- ✦ Firearms and Explosives
- ✦ Meat and Plant Products
- ✦ Pornography
- ✦ Soft cheeses / Kinder Chocolate Eggs
- ✦ Aerosols / Flammable liquids
- ✦ Switchblade / Stiletto style knives



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# Privately Owned Firearm (POF)

## AE Reg. 190-6

**WARNING**

- All weapons purchased overseas must get ATF approval prior to shipping back to the U.S.
- Allow 6 to 8 weeks for return of ATF Approval.
- ATF Permit valid for 12 months from date of approval.

Importation of POF into Germany requires the following:

- Possession of German weapons possession card WBK (= *Waffenbesitzkarte*)
- AE Form 550-175A from Military Customs
- Importation Certificate (= *Verbringungs-erlaubnis*)
- Additional information can be obtained at any Customs Office and/or Vehicle Registration Office. 8

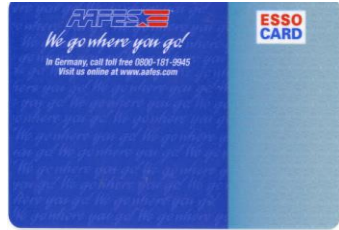






# Gasoline Rations

(AE Reg. 600-17 )



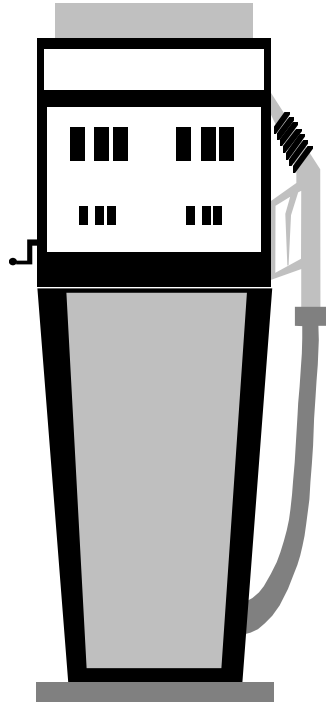
**POV / Van / Bus                      400 – 600 liters per month**

**Motorcycles                              300 liters per month**

**To obtain the fuel ration card take AE Form 190-1A to the nearest AAFES location for issuing and activating of the fuel card**

**\*\*\*Make sure all License drivers are on the vehicle registry**

**Only license drivers on the vehicle registry and the fuel card can use the fuel card for that vehicle**



**Note;; If your name is not on the fuel card you can not put gas in the vehicle ( Friends)**





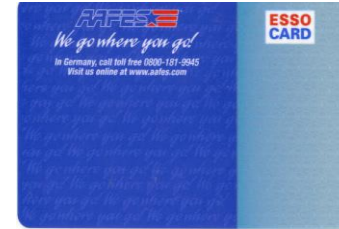
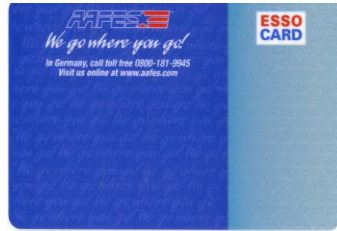
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# Rental Gasoline Rations (AE Reg. 600-17)

\*\*\*Immediately do the following any delay could limit the amount of fuel\*\*\*

Rental Vehicles pro-rated according to length of rental period

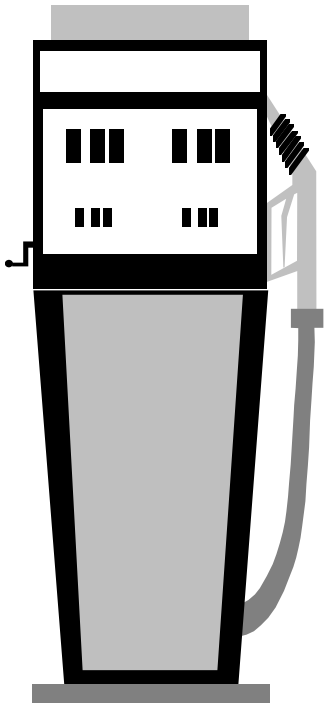


**NOTE: Rental vehicles operators with rental contract need to see the local MP station or Customs Office to receive the AE FORM 550-175L**

- 1-7 days 100 liter
- 8-14 days 200 liter
- 14-21 days 300 liter
- 21-30 days 400 liter

Operator will then go to the nearest AAFES Fuel-Ration Card Issue and Activation Locations With AE form 550-175L and ID card ,Rental contract

**VILSECK: Furniture store or GRAFENWOEHR: Main PX**





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# Questions?

