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Summary. This publication prescribes procedures for developing, processing, and administering exterior protective or safety zones (*Schutzbereiche*) for U.S. military facilities in Germany.

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Glossary

1. PURPOSE

This publication—

- a. Is a guide for U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force personnel in Germany to identify the need for exterior protective or safety zones (*Schutzbereiche*) for U.S. military facilities and installations in Germany.
- b. Prescribes procedures for requesting exterior protective or safety zones and for maintaining them.

2. REFERENCES

- a. Supplementary Agreement to the NATO Status of Forces Agreement.
- b. NATO Document AASTP-1, Manual of NATO Safety Principles for the Storage of Military Ammunition and Explosives.
- c. NATO STANAG 7174, Airfield Clearance Planes.

- d. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program.
- e. Technical Manual 5-803-4, Planning of Army Aviation Facilities.
- f. AE Regulation 190-13, Army in Europe Physical Security Program.
- g. USAREUR Regulation 405-8/USAFE Instruction 32-9005, Acquiring, Managing, and Disposing of Real Estate in Germany.
- h. USAREUR Regulation 405-11, Provision of Alternate Facilities in Germany.
- i. Air Force Manual 91-201 and USAFE Supplement 1, Explosives Safety Standards.
- j. USAFE Instruction 32-1007, Airfield and Heliport Planning and Design.

3. EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS

The glossary defines abbreviations and terms used in this regulation.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Commanders. In Germany, commanders of U.S. Army units and commanders of U.S. Air Force units are responsible for identifying restricted areas (glossary) near installations their units occupy. If a need exists, commanders will prepare requests for exterior protective or safety zones for submission to the Real Estate Branch, Strategic Initiatives Group, Garrison Support Element, IMCOM-Europe (IMCOM-Europe (IMEU-GGR), Unit 23103, APO AE 09136-3103).

(1) U.S. Army units will submit requests through the United States Army garrison (USAG) responsible for the area where the protective or safety zone is needed.

(2) U.S. Air Force units will submit requests through one of the following, as applicable:

(a) The Air Force Civil Engineering Center (AFCEC)/Environmental and Real Property (CFEE) for restricted areas on United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE)/United States Air Forces Africa (USAF AF) installations.

(b) The USAG responsible for restricted areas for the applicable U.S. Army installation.

b. USAG Commanders and AFCEC/CFEE. USAG commanders and AFCEC/CFEE will do the following:

(1) On receipt of a request to establish an exterior protective or safety zone—

(a) Review, validate, and endorse the request. Requests that cannot be validated will be returned to the requester.

(b) Forward requests recommended for approval, together with an endorsement memorandum, to IMCOM-Europe (IMEU-GGR), Unit 23103, APO AE 09136-3103.

NOTE: USAFE/USAF AF installation commanders will send their requests to HQ USAFE/USAF AF/A7P for technical review and to AFCEC/CFEE for coordination.

(2) Review German construction requests or development plans that affect U.S. restricted areas on U.S. Army installations.

NOTE: HQ USAFE/USAF AF/A7P will review German construction requests received by USAFE/USAF AF if the request or development plan affects restricted areas for USAFE/USAF AF installations.

(3) Take measures to ensure that units with restricted areas apply continual vigilance over those areas and that they report known or suspected violations of these areas in accordance with paragraph 13.

5. GENERAL

a. Article 53 of the Supplementary Agreement to the NATO Status of Forces Agreement prescribes German responsibility for establishing restricted areas close to U.S. facilities and installations. German authorities normally set up a restricted area only on receipt of a U.S. request. German authorities may, however, establish restricted areas to comply with German safety standards. The U.S. Government does not acquire real estate in restricted areas.

b. Restricted areas include areas near any of the following:

- (1) Airfields.
- (2) Air-defense sites.
- (3) Ammunition storage areas and basic-load storage areas.
- (4) Forward storage sites.
- (5) Radio-relay and other communications facilities.
- (6) Radar stations.
- (7) War-reserve sites.

c. Restrictions are grouped in two general categories:

(1) Effective Operations. These restrictions include limitations on construction that would interfere with radio transmissions. They also apply to restraints on cultivation and construction to ensure an unobstructed view.

(2) Safety or Protective Criteria. These restrictions include safety zones for airfield approach-and-departure areas, airfield-clear areas, ammunition storage areas and related explosive-safety-quantity distances, force-protection zones, and traffic zones.

d. Failure to obtain an adequate restricted area could affect operations at U.S. facilities and installations. Commanders must therefore submit timely and accurate restricted-area requests to ensure full use of the areas by the U.S. Forces.

6. CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING RESTRICTED AREAS

Normally U.S. Forces standards are applied when establishing restrictions that involve safety measures. Exceptions include NATO or German criteria. Army in Europe units may request details concerning NATO, German, and U.S. standards by contacting the IMCOM-Europe Safety Office. Air Force units may request the same information by contacting the HQ USAFE/USAF/AF/A7P. Paragraph 2 lists references that prescribe technical guidance for determining which areas are restricted.

7. REQUESTS FOR ESTABLISHING RESTRICTED AREAS

a. Existing Operations. Restricted-area requests for operations at locations already under U.S. control should include an installation-layout plan.

b. New Construction or Facilities Modification. New constructions or modifications to existing facilities may affect existing restricted areas. The U.S. commander responsible for a new construction or a modification must report any changes that affect an existing restricted area or that require establishment of a new restricted area. In areas that affect class V storage or air-defense facilities, Army commanders must request approval of the construction or modification from the USAREUR Safety Office and the DOD Explosives Safety Board. Air Force units will follow procedures in Air Force Manual 91-201.

c. New Construction on Land to be Acquired by the U.S. Forces. USAREUR Regulation 405-8/ USAFE Instruction 32-9005 provides guidance on the acquisition, management, and disposal of real estate in Germany. If new construction with the accommodation-program request for the land to be acquired requires a restricted area, the requirement will be sent to the Real Estate Branch (IMCOM-Europe (IMEU-GGR), Unit 23103, APO AE 09136-3103). If the size of the restricted area depends on the final construction layout and concurrent submission is not possible, the U.S. commander will submit the request at the earliest possible date. If class V facilities are involved, the restricted-area requirement must include consideration of the proposed loading and be approved by the IMCOM-Europe Safety Office.

8. PRELIMINARY COORDINATION WITH GERMAN AUTHORITIES

On receipt of a request for a restricted area—

a. The USAG safety manager or AFCEC/CFEE will coordinate requirements for air-defense and ammunition-storage facilities with the *Wehrbereichskommando (WBK)* (German Military District Command) or *Wehrbereichsverwaltung (WBV)* (German Military District Administration) to establish mutually acceptable boundaries or zones. This coordination is only for development purposes. U.S. commanders will not confirm any needs until the Real Estate Branch validates the requirement.

b. The USAG safety manager or HQ USAFE/USAF/AF/A7P will ensure that the safety zones for external-exposure areas comply with prescribed German and U.S. criteria.

c. The USAG safety manager or AFCEC/CFEE will forward the request to IMCOM-Europe (IMEU-GGR), Unit 23103, APO AE 09136-3103.

9. REVIEWING AND PROCESSING RESTRICTED-AREA REQUESTS

a. Requests should clearly state the intent to limit only construction or cultivation. Designating an area as a “restricted area” does not result in establishing realty rights for the land that comprises the restricted area.

(1) Responsible commanders will submit requests only if the requirement is critical to the safe operation and effectiveness of their facilities.

(2) Requests that would deny public access to or involve U.S. control over areas around military installations are not considered requests for restricted areas. These requests are for acquisition of sole use and occupancy rights by the U.S. Forces.

b. Commanders will send restricted-area requests by memorandum to IMCOM-Europe (IMEU-GGR), Unit 23103, APO AE 09136-3103, through the channels prescribed in paragraph 4. Requests must include the following:

(1) Transmittal Memorandum. The memorandum must be signed by the requesting commander and include the following statements:

(a) Terrain configuration and local conditions were considered when planning the restricted area.

(b) The requested restriction represents the minimum requirement.

(2) Narrative Data Sheet. This sheet must be an enclosure to the transmittal memorandum ((1) above) and include the following:

(a) Type and location of the U.S.-controlled facility.

(b) Location and extent of the restricted area (square area or linear distance). Specific reference points will be used (for example, antenna dish, storage magazine).

(c) Specific limits to be imposed.

(d) Length of time the restricted area is required.

(3) Maps and Plans.

(a) Map Scale. Maps of the U.S. facility or installation and restricted areas must be plotted on a scale of 1:10,000, 1:25,000, or 1:50,000.

(b) Map Colors. The following color codes will be used in maps of restricted areas:

1. Dark yellow: U.S. installation boundary.

2. Blue: Zone III public road.

3. Red: Zone IV inhabited building or restricted area.

4. Green: Zone V special object.

(4) Required Copies. Each request must comprise one original and eight copies. All copies of maps must be in color.

c. The Real Estate Branch will give the responsible USAG directorate of public works copies of approved restricted-area requests and copies of accompanying maps and plans.

10. CANCELING RESTRICTED-AREA CLASSIFICATION

To cancel a restricted-area classification when a restricted area is no longer needed, the commander of the U.S.-user organization will immediately send a memorandum requesting cancellation through the channels described in paragraph 4 to IMCOM-Europe (IMEU-GGR), Unit 23103, APO AE 09136-3103. The Real Estate Branch will review the request and, if approved, send it to the German authorities for action, with a copy furnished to the requester.

11. ANNUAL INSPECTIONS OF RESTRICTED AREAS

a. German regulations require the German restricted-area authority (glossary) to inspect restricted areas once a year. The purpose of these inspections is to detect restricted-area violations and to take corrective action.

b. The German restricted-area authority will notify the Real Estate Branch before a planned inspection. The Real Estate Branch will then inform the USAG closest to the restricted area or AFCEC/CFEE and provide the dates of the inspection. In response, the applicable USAG or AFCEC/CFEE will—

(1) Notify the U.S.-user unit of the upcoming inspection.

(2) Ensure that a U.S. representative accompanies the German inspectors or acts as the U.S. POC during the inspection. The U.S. representative should be prepared to answer questions and report suspected violations or noted irregularities inside the restricted area and outside but near the restricted area.

c. U.S. commanders will work with the German officials who conduct these inspections. Inspectors usually limit their activities to a walk-through or drive-through of the restricted area. The German inspectors will—

(1) Let the U.S. user of the restricted area know when the inspection will start.

(2) Meet the U.S. representative (b(2) above) at the entrance of the U.S. facility nearest the restricted area where the inspection will be conducted.

(3) Carry official German armed-forces identification and show this identification on request.

12. CONSTRUCTION REQUESTS IN RESTRICTED AREAS

a. The categories of German construction requests that affect restricted areas are—

(1) German construction or zoning and utilization plans that may have an adverse effect on a restricted area.

(2) Construction or development projects in a restricted area.

b. The following procedures apply to processing German construction requests:

(1) U.S. Army commanders will immediately review the request and send it, with an appropriate recommendation, through the commander of the USAG that would be affected by the construction to the Real Estate Branch for decision. The USAG commander will always send recommendations to the Real Estate Branch for decision, regardless of where the request originated.

(2) If proposed construction, zoning, or utilization plans are expected to partially or fully impede U.S. operations, the commander receiving and forwarding the request will include requirements for alternate facilities as defined in USAREUR Regulation 405-11 with his or her recommendation.

(3) The *WBV*, through the responsible air-traffic-control office, normally submits requests for evaluation of proposed obstructions in restricted areas established for airfields to IMCOM Europe (IMEU-GGR). The IMCOM Europe Real Estate Branch will then request that the United States Army Aeronautical Services Detachment, Europe, and the Aviation Operations Branch, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3, HQ USAREUR, evaluate the potential obstruction and provide a consolidated response to appropriate German officials.

c. Air Force agencies and affected installations under USAFE/USAF AF control that receive requests in the categories described in a(1) or a(2) above will send the requests, with appropriate comments or recommendations, to HQ USAFE/USAF AF/A7P, Unit 3050, APO AE 09094. On receipt of the request, the HQ USAFE/USAF AF/A7P will respond to the German authorities or issue instructions to the responsible Air Force unit.

13. SURVEILLANCE OF RESTRICTED AREAS

Surveillance of restricted areas is basically the responsibility of German authorities. German Federal authorities have asked the U.S. Forces to help by reporting suspicious construction or activity in restricted areas. U.S. commanders will help keep watch over restricted areas. This participation is limited. The U.S. Forces may not enter restricted areas to patrol or inspect them. If violations are suspected—

a. U.S. Army units will immediately report the suspected violation to the Real Estate Branch. A layout plan or mapsheet showing the approximate location of the suspected violation must be sent with the report.

b. Units on U.S. Air Force installations will follow the procedures in Air Force Manual 91-201.

GLOSSARY

SECTION I ABBREVIATIONS

AASTP	allied ammunition storage and transport publication
AFCEC	Air Force Civil Engineering Center
AR	Army regulation
CFEE	Environmental and Real Property
DOD	Department of Defense
HQ USAFE/USAF AF	Headquarters, United States Air Forces in Europe/United States Air Forces Africa
HQ USAREUR	Headquarters, United States Army Europe
IMCOM-Europe	United States Army Installation Management Command, Europe Region
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
STANAG	standardization agreement
U.S.	United States
USAFE/USAF AF	United States Air Forces in Europe/United States Air Forces Africa
USAG	United States Army garrison
USAREUR	United States Army Europe
<i>WBK</i>	<i>Wehrbereichskommando</i>
<i>WBV</i>	<i>Wehrbereichsverwaltung</i>

SECTION II TERMS

- **English:**

German restricted-area authority

The German Military District Administration (*Wehrbereichsverwaltung (WBV)*), the German Military District Command (*Wehrbereichskommando (WBK)*), and component agencies. These agencies are administrators of restricted areas for defense installations.

restricted area

A defined area near a U.S. Forces facility or installation on which German authorities impose restrictions. These restrictions maintain the safety and effectiveness of the U.S. facility or installation and its operations. Restricted areas defined in this regulation are not the restricted areas defined in AR 190-13, AE Regulation 190-13, or Air Force Instruction 31-101V1.

- **German:**

Schutzbereich

Restricted area.

Wehrbereichskommando

German Military District Command.

Wehrbereichsverwaltung

German Military District Administration.