



Headquarters, United States Forces, Korea

Unit #15237
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

FKJ1-DM

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MEMORANDUM FOR All SOFA personnel residing in Korea

SUBJECT: AAFES New POS System

1. On 6 July 2009, in cooperation with USFK Ration Control, AAFES implemented and deployed a new Point of Sale (POS) system throughout the Korean Peninsula. This new POS system requires that an ID card be scanned or ration card number be entered for every transaction. The new system replaces older systems and provides speedier checkouts and improved accuracy. Overall the POS system has already made a positive impact.
2. Some patrons have expressed concern regarding privacy issues related the use of the Social Security Number (SSN). The register scanner does not record SSNs. It records other Personal Identification information that exists on every DoD issued ID card. This unique information is electronically stored within the barcode and is not visible on the card itself. For those patrons without a DoD ID Card, their USFK Ration Card Number is entered manually into the register to record their transactions. This new system ensures that only authorized patrons are permitted access to duty free goods and that excess purchasing can be identified.
3. Finally, all Government Purchase Card (GPC) holders should use their unit ration control card (URCC) to make approved purchases on behalf of their unit. Those purchases will be linked to the unit instead of being counted against the individual's record. In addition, a Korean National Employee GPC holder should sign for a URCC if they are going to purchase items for their unit. URCCs are requested through a unit's respective area Ration Control Issuing Agent.
4. Please send comments and suggestions to FKJ1DM@korea.army.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harold T. Hoang".

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