

SOFA Contract Clause

INVITED CONTRACTOR OR TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE STATUS UNDER U.S. - REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK)

Invited Contractor (IC) and Technical Representative (TR) status shall be governed by the U.S.-ROK Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) as implemented by United States Forces Korea (USFK) Reg 700-19, which can be found under the “publications” tab on the US Forces Korea homepage <http://www.usfk.mil>

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

“U.S. – ROK Status of Forces Agreement” (SOFA) means the Mutual Defense Treaty between the Republic of Korea and the U.S. of America, Regarding Facilities and Areas and the Status of U.S. Armed Forces in the Republic of Korea, as amended

“Combatant Commander” means the commander of a unified or specified combatant command established in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 161. In Korea, the Combatant Commander is the Commander, United States Pacific Command.

“United States Forces Korea” (USFK) means the subordinate unified command through which US forces would be sent to the Combined Forces Command fighting components.

“Commander, United States Forces Korea” (COMUSK) means the commander of all U.S. forces present in Korea. In the Republic of Korea, COMUSK also serves as Commander, Combined Forces Command (CDR CFC) and Commander, United Nations Command (CDR UNC).

“USFK, Assistant Chief of Staff, Acquisition Management” (USFK/FKAQ) means the principal staff office to USFK for all acquisition matters and administrator of the U.S.-ROK SOFA as applied to US and Third Country contractors under the Invited Contractor (IC) and Technical Representative (TR) Program (USFK Reg 700-19).

“Responsible Officer (RO)” means a senior DOD employee (such as a military E5 and above or civilian GS-7 and above), appointed by the USFK Sponsoring Agency (SA), who is directly responsible for determining and administering appropriate logistics support for IC/TRs during contract performance in the ROK.

(b) IC or TR status under the SOFA is subject to the written approval of USFK, Assistant Chief of Staff, Acquisition Management (FKAQ), Unit #15289, APO AP 96205-5289.

(c) The contracting officer will coordinate with HQ USFK/FKAQ, IAW FAR 25.8, and USFK Reg 700-19. FKAQ will determine the appropriate contractor status under the SOFA and notify the contracting officer of that determination.

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(d) Subject to the above determination, the contractor, including its employees and lawful dependents, may be accorded such privileges and exemptions under conditions and limitations as specified in the SOFA and USFK Reg 700-19. These privileges and exemptions may be furnished during the performance period of the contract, subject to their availability and continued SOFA status. Logistics support privileges are provided on an as-available basis to properly authorized individuals. Some logistics support may be issued as Government Furnished Property or transferred on a reimbursable basis.

(e) The contractor warrants and shall ensure that collectively, and individually, its officials and employees performing under this contract will not perform any contract, service, or other business activity in the ROK, except under U.S. Government contracts and that performance is IAW the SOFA.

(f) The contractor's direct employment of any Korean-National labor for performance of this contract shall be governed by ROK labor law and USFK regulation(s) pertaining to the direct employment and personnel administration of Korean National personnel.

(g) The authorities of the ROK have the right to exercise jurisdiction over invited contractors and technical representatives, including contractor officials, employees and their dependents, for offenses committed in the ROK and punishable by the laws of the ROK. In recognition of the role of such persons in the defense of the ROK, they will be subject to the provisions of Article XXII, SOFA, related Agreed Minutes and Understandings. In those cases in which the authorities of the ROK decide not to exercise jurisdiction, they shall notify the U.S. military authorities as soon as possible. Upon such notification, the military authorities will have the right to exercise jurisdiction as is conferred by the laws of the U.S.

(h) Invited contractors and technical representatives agree to cooperate fully with the USFK Sponsoring Agency (SA) and Responsible Officer (RO) on all matters pertaining to logistics support and theater training requirements. Contractors will provide the assigned SA prompt and accurate reports of changes in employee status as required by USFK Reg 700-19.

(i) Theater Specific Training. Training Requirements for IC/TR personnel shall be conducted in accordance with USFK Reg 350-2 Theater Specific Required Training for all Arriving Personnel and Units Assigned to, Rotating to, or in Temporary Duty Status to USFK. IC/TR personnel shall comply with requirements of USFK Reg 350-2.

(j) Except for contractor air crews flying Air Mobility Command missions, all U.S. contractors performing work on USAF classified contracts will report to the nearest Security Forces Information Security Section for the geographical area where the contract is to be performed to receive information concerning local security requirements.

(k) Invited Contractor and Technical Representative status may be withdrawn by USFK/FKAQ upon:

(1) Completion or termination of the contract.

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(2) Determination that the contractor or its employees are engaged in business activities in the ROK other than those pertaining to U.S. armed forces.

(3) Determination that the contractor or its employees are engaged in practices in contravention to Korean law or USFK regulations.

(1) It is agreed that the withdrawal of invited contractor or technical representative status, or the withdrawal of, or failure to provide any of the privileges associated therewith by the U.S. and USFK, shall not constitute grounds for excusable delay by the contractor in the performance of the contract and will not justify or excuse the contractor defaulting in the performance of this contract. Furthermore, it is agreed that withdrawal of SOFA status for reasons outlined in USFK Reg 700-19, Section II, paragraph 6 shall not serve as a basis for the contractor filing any claims against the U.S. or USFK. Under no circumstance shall the withdrawal of SOFA Status or privileges be considered or construed as a breach of contract by the U.S. Government.

(m) Support.

(1) Unless the terms and conditions of this contract place the responsibility with another party, the COMUSK will develop a security plan to provide protection, through military means, of Contractor personnel engaged in the theater of operations when sufficient or legitimate civilian authority does not exist.

(2)(i) All Contractor personnel engaged in the theater of operations are authorized resuscitative care, stabilization, hospitalization at level III military treatment facilities, and assistance with patient movement in emergencies where loss of life, limb, or eyesight could occur. Hospitalization will be limited to stabilization and short-term medical treatment with an emphasis on return to duty or placement in the patient movement system.

(ii) When the Government provides medical or emergency dental treatment or transportation of Contractor personnel to a selected civilian facility, the Contractor shall ensure that the Government is reimbursed for any costs associated with such treatment or transportation.

(iii) Medical or dental care beyond this standard is not authorized unless specified elsewhere in this contract.

(3) Unless specified elsewhere in this contract, the Contractor is responsible for all other support required for its personnel engaged in the theater of operations under this contract.

(n) Compliance with laws and regulations. The Contractor shall comply with, and shall ensure that its personnel supporting U.S Armed Forces in the Republic of Korea as specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this clause are familiar with and comply with, all applicable—

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- (1) United States, host country, and third country national laws;
- (2) Treaties and international agreements;
- (3) United States regulations, directives, instructions, policies, and procedures; and
- (4) Orders, directives, and instructions issued by the COMUSK relating to force protection, security, health, safety, or relations and interaction with local nationals. Included in this list are force protection advisories, health advisories, area (i.e. "off-limits"), prostitution and human trafficking and curfew restrictions.
- (o) Vehicle or equipment licenses. IAW USFK Regulation 190-1, Contractor personnel shall possess the required licenses to operate all vehicles or equipment necessary to perform the contract in the theater of operations. All contractor employees/dependents must have either a Korean driver's license or a valid international driver's license to legally drive on Korean roads.
- (p) Evacuation.
 - (1) If the COMUSK orders a non-mandatory or mandatory evacuation of some or all personnel, the Government will provide assistance, to the extent available, to United States and third country national contractor personnel.
 - (2) Non-combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO).
 - (i) The contractor shall designate a representative to provide contractor personnel and dependents information to the servicing NEO warden as required by direction of the Responsible Officer.
 - (ii) If contract period of performance in the Republic of Korea is greater than six months, non emergency essential contractor personnel and all IC/TR dependents shall participate in at least one USFK sponsored NEO exercise per year.
- (q) Next of kin notification and personnel recovery.
 - (1) The Contractor shall be responsible for notification of the employee-designated next of kin in the event an employee dies, requires evacuation due to an injury, or is missing, captured, or abducted.
 - (2) In the case of missing, captured, or abducted contractor personnel, the Government will assist in personnel recovery actions in accordance with DOD Directive 2310.2, Personnel Recovery.
 - (3) IC/TR personnel shall accomplish Personnel Recovery/Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (PR/SERE) training in accordance with USFK Reg 525-40, Personnel Recovery

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Procedures and USFK Reg 350-2 Theater Specific Required Training for all Arriving Personnel and Units Assigned to, Rotating to, or in Temporary Duty Status to USFK.

(r) Mortuary affairs. Mortuary affairs for contractor personnel who die while providing support in the theater of operations to U.S. Armed Forces will be handled in accordance with DOD Directive 1300.22, Mortuary Affairs Policy and Army Regulation 638-2, Care and Disposition of Remains and Disposition of Personal Effects.

(s) USFK Responsible Officer (RO). The USFK appointed RO will ensure all IC/TR personnel complete all applicable training as outlined in this clause.

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