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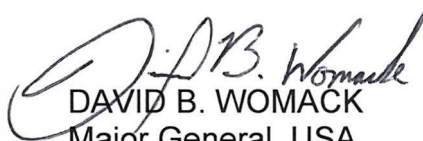
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PREVENTION OF UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAMING MACHINES

References:

- a. 15 U.S.C. § 1171, Definitions
- b. 15 U.S.C. § 1175, Specific jurisdictions within which manufacturing, repairing, selling, possessing, etc., prohibited; exceptions
- c. AR 215-1, "Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities," 24 September 2010
- d. USFKI 5200.08 Series, "Installation Access Control"

1. Purpose. This instruction directs military leaders and civilian managers to execute specific actions to ensure that only authorized personnel use gambling machines located on United States (U.S.) military facility in the Republic of Korea (ROK).
2. Superseded/Canceled. Supersedes USFK Regulation 600-32, 25 July 2012.
3. Applicability. This instruction applies across United States Forces Korea (USFK) to every U.S. military facility in the ROK. Portions of this instruction that prescribe specific conduct are punitive and violations of these provisions may subject offenders to action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or adverse administrative action.
4. Records Management. Records created as a result of processes prescribed by this regulation must be identified, maintained, and disposed of according to CJCSM 5760.01B Volume II, "Disposition Schedule", 7 June 2024.
5. Releasability. Electronic Media Only (EMO).
6. Effective Date. This instruction is effective upon issuance.


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ENCLOSURE A

PURPOSE

1. Purpose. The purpose of this instruction is to direct military leaders and civilian managers to implement specific actions to ensure that only authorized personnel use gaming machines located on United States (U.S.) military installations in the Republic of Korea (ROK).

a. Step 1: Understanding the Obligation. U.S. Forces Korea has an obligation under the U.S.-ROK Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) to respect the law of the Republic of Korea. With few exceptions, gambling is prohibited by Korean law, and lax access control to our gaming machines creates the potential for illegal gambling and is inconsistent with the SOFA. U.S. Department of War (DoW) and individual service regulations designate facility management (e.g., Club Managers, MWR Directors and Installation Commanders) as the primary parties responsible for preventing unauthorized access to gambling machines overseas. Additionally, individuals who sponsor unauthorized guests into these facilities to use the machine will be held personally accountable.

b. Step 2: Understanding the Prohibition. The SOFA and U.S. Service Instructions prohibit gambling by host country and third-country nationals when it is not permitted by host country law or the SOFA. Lax enforcement in this area may also create opportunities for other criminal activity, including selling access to our installations and loan sharking.

c. Step 3: Understanding the Objective. The objective of this instruction is to prevent unauthorized personnel from gambling on our installations to show respect for ROK law, ensure compliance with the SOFA and service instructions, and eliminate other criminal activity associated with illegal gambling.

d. Step 4: Verifying Authorization. Only those persons meeting one of the following criteria are authorized access to gaming machines on USFK military installations:

(1) Members of the United States Armed Forces and the civilian component.

(2) Other officers or personnel of the U.S. Government ordinarily accorded such privileges under the SOFA (e.g. Dept. of State personnel assigned to the U.S. Embassy, military retirees).

(3) Non-Korean Armed Forces personnel under United Nations Command (UNC) receiving logistical support from USFK.

(4) Invited contractors with SOFA status.

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(5) Non-Korean national personnel of organizations present in Korea for the benefit and service of the U.S. Armed Forces (e.g., USO, Red Cross, Scouting Organizations).

(6) Dependents of the foregoing.

e. Step 5: Minimum Age Requirement. No person may use gaming machines, regardless of status, unless that person is at least 18 years of age.

f. Step 6: Access Policy and Minimum Enforcement Mechanisms. Only those persons who possess the requisite SOFA status and are at least 18 years of age are authorized access to and use of gaming machines on U.S. military installations in the ROK.

g. Step 7: ID Checks and Access Control. Management of facilities containing gaming machine rooms shall execute 100% ID checks of all persons seeking to enter. Any person who does not have an identification card indicating that they meet the requirements of both paragraphs 1d and e, above, must be denied entry. Area Commanders will task a non-MWR or Law Enforcement member to conduct unannounced monthly evaluations of all MWR facilities that have gaming machines to ensure they are following their requirement to conduct checks screening for authorized use of the machines. The checks should be recorded in a standard memorandum and sent to the Area Commander for review.

h. Step 8: Law Enforcement Patrols. If available and at the direction of the Installation Commander, Law Enforcement Patrols can check all gaming machine sites in accordance with the following guidelines:

- (1) Ensure strict compliance with the access requirements of this instruction;
- (2) Require all persons within a gaming machine site to present identification demonstrating that they are authorized patrons;
- (3) Detain and require identification of those appearing to flee from the gaming machine site prior to the arrival of law enforcement personnel;
- (4) Ensure that only authorized persons are using the gaming machines in public access areas; and
- (5) Record violations of these check results via a Law Enforcement Report.

i. Step 9: Handling Unauthorized Access. Unauthorized persons caught in gaming machine rooms or using gaming machines located outside gaming machine rooms shall be the subject of a law enforcement report. These reports shall also identify any individuals who assisted in this unauthorized access or gambling. These reports shall be shared with the Korean National Police, as appropriate.

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2. Service Component Responsibilities

a. Publish and enforce procedures that ensure all personnel assigned or attached to their commands understand and comply with this instruction.

b. Ensure that Area Commanders and their MWR staff conduct periodic checks of all patrons in any gambling machine facilities to prevent unauthorized usage of Gambling Machine Rooms and to further deny unauthorized personnel access to those facilities.

3. Punitive Provisions. Violations of the provisions of this instruction by military personnel may be punished under Article 92, UCMJ, as a violation of a lawful general instruction. Civilians are subject to adverse administrative action.

a. Step 1: Sponsoring Guests and Visitors. Each sponsor or escort of a guest or visitor on a U.S. military installation will prevent their guests and/or visitors from accessing or using gaming machine sites unless that guest or visitor meets the criteria of step 4 through step 7.

b. Step 2: Preventing Unauthorized Access. No person will assist or attempt to assist unauthorized persons in gaining access to or use of gaming machines. An "unauthorized person" is any person not meeting the requirements of both step 1 and step 7.

c. Step 3: Preventing False Identification. No person seeking access to or using a gaming machine will present false identification to management, law enforcement, or other lawful authorities, nor will any person condone or facilitate use of false identification by another person.

d. Step 4: Reporting Suspected Violations or Suspicious Activity. Suspected violations of this instruction or suspicious activity in or around gaming machine sites may be reported to the law enforcement agency where the incident occurs.

e. Step 5: Reporting Requirements. When reporting suspected violations or suspicious activity, the following information shall be provided, if available:

- (1) Description of the suspected violation or suspicious activity
- (2) Location of the suspected violation or suspicious activity
- (3) Time and date of the suspected violation or suspicious activity
- (4) Any other relevant information

f. Step 6: Confidentiality. Reports of suspected violations or suspicious activity will be kept confidential to the extent possible.

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g. Step 7: Investigation. Reports of suspected violations or suspicious activity will be investigated by the appropriate authorities.

h. Step 8: Disciplinary Action. If a violation is found to have occurred, disciplinary action may be taken against the individual or individuals responsible.

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ENCLOSURE B
SAMPLE GAMBLING ROOM SIGNS

TAKING CARE OF YOU

You are an authorized player if you are 18 years of age.

Use of gaming machines is restricted to military members of USFK, civilian employees of USFK with SOFA status, other US Government personnel authorized to use MWR facilities (e.g. US Embassy personnel, TDY personnel, military retirees), non-Korean Armed Forces personnel under the United Nations Command, invited contractors and technical representatives, personnel of organizations present in Korea for the benefit and service of the US military (e.g. USO, Red Cross), and family members of those listed above. ID checks will be conducted.

Warning

Unauthorized access to gambling machines by non-SOFA persons will be referred to ROK authorities. Failure of escorts to prevent unauthorized access to gambling machines by their guests may result in UCMJ action for military personnel or adverse administrative action for civilian personnel.

18 세 이상이면 귀하는 허가된 사용자입니다.

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신분증 확인이 시행 될 것입니다.

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Restricted Access출입제한

Only the following authorized personnel with proper identification may enter game rooms or play Army Recreation Machine Program slot machines.

오직 다음에 해당하는 적정 신분증을 지닌 허가받은 자만이 게임룸에 입장하거나 군 오락프로그램인 슬롯머신을 사용할 수 있다.

1. USFK Military and Civilian Personnel with SOFA Status

USFK군인 및 SOFA 신분의 민간인

2. Other U.S. Government Personnel to include:

다음에 포함하는 기타 미국정부 관계자:

U.S. Embassy Personnel

미국대사관 직원

TDY Personnel

출장자

Military Retirees

군전역자

Non-Korean Armed Forces personnel

Under the United Nations Command

한국군을 제외한 유엔사 산하 군인

Invited Contractors

초청 계약직

Technical Representatives

기술직 관계자

Personnel of organizations present in Korea for the benefit and service of the U.S. military

(USO, Red Cross, Scouting Organization)

미군의 복지를 위하여 한국에 거주하는 기관 관계자

Departments of the above authorized personnel

상기 해당자의 가족

The commander or management may impose additional rules and restrict any individual for improper conduct. No one under 18 years old is authorized to play.

사령관 또는 관리자는 추가 규정을 임의로 부과할 수 있으며, 부적절한 행동을 하는 어떠한 개인도 규제할 수 있다. 18세 이하는 출입이 금지됨.

WARNING

Unauthorized access to gaming machines by non-SOFA persons will be referred to ROK authorized. Failure of escorts to prevent unauthorized access to gaming machines by their guests may result in UCMJ action for military personnel or adverse administrative action for civilian personnel.

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS

ROK	Republic of Korea
SOFA	U.S.-ROK Status of Forces Agreement
UCMJ	Uniform Code of Military Justice
UNC	United Nations Command
USO	United Service Organization

Gambling Machine. Any electronic, mechanical, or video machine that accepts any form of monetary payment for game play and provides for monetary payment of winning combinations. The common example of a gambling machine also includes any device falling within the following parameters of 15 U.S. Code §1171, as follows:

a. Any so-called "slot machine" or any other machine or mechanical device an essential part of which is a drum or reel with insignia thereon, and (A) which when operated may deliver, as the result of the application of an element of chance, any money or property, or (B) by the operation of which a person may become entitled to receive, as the result of the application of an element of chance, any money or property; or,

b. Any other machine or mechanical device designed and manufactured primarily for use in connection with gambling, and (A) which when operated may deliver, as the result of the application of an element of chance, any money or property, or (B) by the operation of which a person may become entitled to receive, as the result of the application of an element of chance, any money or property

Escorted Persons. Personnel who are invited onto USFK installations for either official or unofficial business. These personnel do not have individual access documents and instead are issued a temporary pass.

Escorts. Personnel authorized to accompany another person or vehicle onto USFK installations. The escorted person or vehicle must be signed onto the installations. Depending on the category of the escort, he may or may not be able to sign on escorted persons for unofficial purposes.

Invited Contractor. Persons, including corporations' employees who are ordinarily resident in the United States and their dependents, present in the Republic of Korea solely for the purpose of executing contracts with the United States for the benefit of the United States Armed Forces or other armed forces in the Republic of Korea under the

Unified Command receiving logistical support from the United States Armed Forces, who are specifically designated by the Government of the United States.

Members of the United States Armed Forces. Personnel on active duty belonging to the land, sea, or air armed services of the United States of America when in the territory of the Republic of Korea except for personnel of the United States Armed Forces attached to the United States Embassy and personnel for whom status has been provided in the Military Advisory Group Agreement of January 26, 1950, as amended.

Civilian component. The civilian persons of United States nationality who are in the employ of, serving with, or accompanying the United States Armed Forces in the Republic of Korea. Dual nationals, i.e., persons having the nationality of both the United States and the Republic of Korea, who are brought into the Republic of Korea by the United States, shall be considered United States nationals.

Dependents. Spouse and children under 21 of either members of the United States Armed Forces or the civilian component, as well as parents, children over 21, or others relatives who are dependent for over half their support upon a member of the United States Armed Forces or civilian component.