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Summary. This publication provides policy and procedures for hunting, fishing, and sport shooting in Germany.

Summary of Change. This revision—

- Updates policy and procedures for hunting, fishing, and sport shooting in Germany.
- Incorporates a summary of U.S. Forces agreements with the German States of Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, Hessen, and Rheinland-Pfalz (app D).
- Eliminates references to the U.S. Forces Hunting, Shooting, and Fishing Advisory Committee.

Applicability. This publication applies to members of the U.S. and Canadian Forces and their Family members who desire to take part in hunting, fishing, or sport shooting in Germany.

Supplementation. U.S. Army organizations will not supplement this publication without IMCOM-Europe G9 (IMEU-MWR-R) approval. Supplements to this publication issued by USAFE units must be sent through channels to HQ USAFE/A1S (A1SC), Unit 3050, Box 25, APO AE 09094-0025.

Forms. This publication prescribes AE Form 215-145A, AE Form 215-145B, AE Form 215-145C, AE Form 215-145D, AE Form 215-145E, and AE Form 215-145F. AE and higher level forms are available through the Army in Europe Library & Publishing System (AEPUBS) at <https://aepubs.army.mil/>.

Suggested Improvements. The proponent of this publication is the IMCOM-Europe G9 (DSN 474-4212, civ 09641-454-4212). Users may suggest improvements to this publication by sending DA Form 2028 to the IMCOM-Europe G9 (IMEU-MWR-R), Unit 29064, APO AE 09136-9064.

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Glossary

1. PURPOSE

This publication explains procedures for hunting, fishing, and sport shooting in Germany. Throughout this publication, IMCOM-Europe and USAFE hunting, fishing, and sport shooting (HFS) program offices will be referred to as “U.S. Forces HFS program offices.” This publication implements Air Force Policy Directive 34-1.

NOTE: IMCOM-Europe has overall responsibility for U.S. Forces HFS programs in Germany.

2. REFERENCES

Appendix A lists references.

3. EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS

The glossary defines abbreviations and terms.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Only Army in Europe and USAFE commanders who are lieutenant colonels and above may approve applications for German hunting licenses and certify the reliability of U.S. Forces personnel who are applying for a German foreigners hunting license.

b. Garrison- and base-level nongoverning councils for HFS programs are authorized to—

(1) Forward difficult issues through the garrison or base commander for review by the local U.S. Forces HFS program office.

(2) Meet regularly to advise Family and morale, welfare, and recreation (FMWR) and service leaders and managers on local interests.

(3) Propose council operating bylaws for garrison or base commander approval.

(4) Provide a means for local volunteers to organize and coordinate efforts to support local programs.

c. U.S. Forces HFS program offices will—

(1) Coordinate an annual hunting and fishing course test schedule and send the approved schedule to U.S. Forces HFS program offices, instructors.

(2) Ensure that customer fees collected for local courses are deposited directly into the official bank account for the hosting U.S. Forces HFS program office. Deposits must be labeled with the hunting or fishing account code as shown in f(3) below.

(3) Ensure certified instructors are available to teach hunting and fishing courses at U.S. Forces HFS program offices in Germany.

(4) Provide assistance to U.S. Forces HFS customers.

(5) Ensure that current editions of the “U.S. Forces Guide to Freshwater Fishing in Germany,” “U.S. Forces Guide to Hunting in Germany,” and “U.S. Forces Sport Shooting Handbook” are available to U.S. Forces personnel. These publications are the primary instructional references for HFS courses.

(6) Request and obtain test-observer services from German State hunting authorities to oversee local hunting-course tests at U.S. Forces installations and at German partner-organization facilities.

(7) Review and be the approval authority for requests from certified instructors to conduct hunting and fishing courses at U.S. military installations (app B).

(8) Send updates of requirements from German authorities to certified instructors for inclusion in courses.

(9) Ensure the U.S. Forces HFS Program and other local courses comply with German Federal and State law and authorities.

(10) Review applications for German hunting licenses for accuracy, validity, and recordkeeping.

(11) Review applications for requests to hunt and send them to the applicable German forestry offices or other European hunting agencies.

d. U.S. Forces chief hunting instructors—

(1) Must be graduates of the Hunting Instructor Training Course. IMCOM-Europe and USAFE will conduct this course once every 2 years at the Baden-Württemberg State Hunting Association Hunting School at Dornsberg (near Lake Constance). U.S. Forces hunting instructors must teach at least one hunting course each year to maintain their certification.

(2) Will coordinate with U.S. Forces HFS program offices and obtain permission by e-mail to conduct a hunting course at least 1 month before the proposed starting date. Program instructors will use the application and syllabus in appendix B, figures B-1 and B-3, respectively.

(3) Will ensure that the student-to-instructor ratio does not exceed 28 students to 1 instructor.

(4) Will coordinate the use of military or civilian shooting-range facilities and notify the installation safety program manager of the course schedule. Instructors must ensure the installation safety program manager has inspected and certified the facility as safe before use.

(5) Maintain a daily sign-in roster for all instructional sessions for the hunting course and give the roster to the appropriate U.S. Forces HFS program office on the day of the examination.

e. U.S. Forces fishing instructors—

(1) Must be graduates of the Fishing Instructor Training Course. IMCOM-Europe and USAFE will conduct this course once every 2 years at the Bavarian State Fishing Institute in Starnberg (south of Munich). Instructors must teach at least one local fishing course each year to maintain their certification.

(2) Will coordinate with U.S. Forces HFS program offices to obtain permission to conduct fishing courses using the application and syllabus in appendix B, figures B-2 and B-4, respectively.

(3) Will ensure that the student-to-instructor ratio does not exceed 28 students to 1 instructor.

(4) Will maintain a daily sign-in roster for all instructional sessions for the fishing course and submit the sign-in roster to the appropriate U.S. Forces HFS program office on the day of the examination.

f. HFS and outdoor recreation (ODR) center managers will—

(1) Host hunting and fishing courses based on facility and scheduling resources.

(2) Ensure that HFS course customers are members in good standing with the U.S. Forces HFS program.

(3) Collect fees for memberships and local HFS courses, and deposit the fees directly into the official bank account for their HFS program office or ODR program. Deposits must be labeled with the applicable hunting or fishing membership account code provided below:

(a) IMCOM-Europe HFS Program Offices.

1. LL-59-GLAC 530 for hunting.

2. LL-5C-GLAC 529 for fishing.

3. LL-55-GLAC 501 for shooting-range use.

4. LL-G1-GLAC 509 for memberships.

(b) IMCOM-Europe ODR Centers.

1. JE-59-GLAC 530 for hunting.

2. JE-5C-GLAC 529 for fishing.

3. JE-55-GLAC 501 for shooting-range use.

4. JE-G1-GLAC 509 for memberships.

(c) USAFE Facilities. USAFE hunting, fishing, and sport shooting facilities and programs will use accounting codes and mechanisms provided by their local force support squadron nonappropriated fund financial management office to record revenue.

(4) Coordinate with certified hunting and fishing instructors and follow the guidance in paragraphs 8 and 10 when scheduling and facilitating hunting and fishing courses and examinations.

g. U.S. Forces personnel who intend to—

(1) Hunt or fish in Germany will follow the guidelines in this publication.

(2) Qualify for a German hunting license or weapons possession card must be current members of a U.S. Forces HFS program in Germany.

(3) Take local hunting or fishing courses or take part in U.S. Forces HFS program activities must be current members of a U.S. Forces HFS program in Europe.

5. ELIGIBILITY

a. The U.S. Forces HFS Program is open to U.S. Forces personnel who have status under the NATO Status of Forces Agreement.

b. Members of the Canadian Forces stationed in Germany may take part in U.S. Forces HFS programs with the same requirements and opportunities as members of the U.S. Forces.

6. Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting Program

a. Authority. The HFS Program in Germany operates as an FMWR revenue-generating activity according to German Weapons Law and policy published in AR 215-1. The program may operate from ODR centers and HFS program offices.

b. Purpose. The HFS Program provides a means for members of the U.S. and Canadian Forces to comply with German laws on hunting, fishing, and firearms possession. Member benefits include access to training and certification for hunting, fishing, and sport shooting in Germany; administrative support for issuing and renewing licenses; administrative support for processing applications for sport-shooter's weapons possession cards; and access to FMWR-sponsored hunts, fishing events, and sport-shooting events.

c. Membership Fees. Categories and fees for membership in the HFS Program are as follows:

- (1) \$15 for 1 year.
- (2) \$20 for 2 years.
- (3) \$45 for a lifetime membership.

d. Membership Card. AE Form 215-145F (fig 1) will be issued to or renewed for eligible members on payment of appropriate fees (c above). Membership cards issued at one facility will be valid and recognized at all other facilities. Membership may be renewed at any facility. Memberships are available to eligible personnel (para 5) and members of groups operating under a co-use agreement.

e. Member Since Date and Member Number. The *Member since* and *Member number* fields on AE Form 215-145F must be completed as follows:

(1) When a membership is renewed, the *Member since* date and the *Member number* on the previous card will be entered on the new card. If the membership is renewed at a different location than that of where the previous membership was obtained, the *Member since* date will be copied, but the *Member number* will be changed to show the new location.

(2) Membership numbers will follow the format *XX-ZZZZZ*. The *XX* will be replaced by a two-letter code for the garrison location, and the *ZZZZZ* will be a sequential number starting with 00001 (for example, *AN-00001* would be member number one in Ansbach). Table 1 provides location codes.

(3) Each garrison program manager is responsible for keeping up-to-date records on the issue and renewal of all membership cards as well as the expiration date for each card.

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Name: _____

Community name: _____

Member since _____ Expiration date _____ Member number _____

AE Form 215-145F, 29 FEB 12 Previous editions are obsolete.

Figure 1. AE Form 215-145F

Table 1 Location Codes	
Unit	Code
USAG Ansbach	AN
USAG Baden-Württemberg	HD
USAG Bamberg	BA
USAG Baumholder	BH
USAG Grafenwöhr	GR
USAG Hohenfels	HF
USAG Kaiserslautern	KL
USAG Schweinfurt	SW
USAG Stuttgart	ST
USAG Wiesbaden	WI

f. Services Provided. HFS Program membership provides the following services:

- (1) Guidance for HFS in Germany and nearby European countries.
- (2) Eligibility for—
 - (a) Participation in U.S. Forces HFS training and certification.
 - (b) Acquiring and renewing the German hunting license (*Jagdschein*).
 - (c) Obtaining the German weapons possession card (*Waffenbesitzkarte*) and European firearms pass (*Europäischer Feuerwaffenpass*).

(3) Possible discount prices at FMWR retail stores for HFS-related items.

(4) Storage at HFS program offices and ODR centers of privately owned firearms in containers or facilities that are in compliance with German law. The minimum storage fee for one firearm is \$20 each month or \$200 each year. HFS program offices and ODR centers may provide discounts of 50 percent (\$10 monthly or \$100 annually) for additional firearms stored for the same customer.

7. HUNTING IN GERMANY

U.S. Forces personnel may hunt in Germany with a German hunting license (*Jagdschein*) and permission (or invitation) to hunt. Hunting without the required documents is considered poaching, and violators may be fined. Hunters are responsible for being aware of the laws where they hunt.

a. Appendix C prescribes procedures to apply for a German hunting license.

b. Game bag-limit records are not applicable in the U.S. Forces Hunting Program. U.S. Forces personnel are responsible for hunting fees in Germany.

c. Individuals who book hunts will pay the full conservation fee to the German forestry official booking the hunt. The U.S. Forces do not provide a subsidy for capital-game conservation fees. Trophies remain the property of German forest authorities until the hunter has paid conservation and guide fees.

d. Licensed hunters may request hunts for one or more capital game each hunting season. Hunters interested in capital-game hunts should send a request by e-mail or in writing to their U.S. Forces HFS program office before the end of March each year.

e. German forest authorities—

(1) May require U.S. Forces hunters to display trophies acquired during the previous hunting season at annual trophy shows for conservation and census purposes.

(2) Will determine the classification of the game bagged and the conservation fee.

8. HUNTING COURSES AND EXAMINATIONS

a. Authority to conduct U.S. Forces hunting courses, examinations, and certification is based on German law and agreements between the U.S. Forces and the States of Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, Hessen, and Rheinland-Pfalz.

b. Hunting instructors who are certified at the hunting school in Dornsberg may request approval to teach installation-level hunting courses. Appendix B provides a sample program of instruction for a hunting course. Hunting courses will cover the following:

(1) Ecology.

(2) Game biology.

(3) Game conservation.

(4) German Weapons Law and gun safety.

(5) The history of hunting in Germany.

(6) Hunters marksmanship.

(7) Hunting agreements.

(8) Local hunting law.

(9) Types of hunts.

c. U.S. Forces ODR programs and HFS program offices may offer hunting courses and examinations twice a year. Courses may be offered in the spring (March and April) and fall (September and October). Course participants must attend all scheduled presentations or attend a make-up presentation on another date.

d. Course participants must be—

(1) Members of the U.S. Forces (active duty, civilian employee, or Family member).

(2) At least 18 years old on the day that they test for certification.

(3) Current members of an HFS program. Students may become HFS program members at the nearest HFS program office in the garrison where they will take the course. The membership card (AE Form 215-145F) entitles the holder to privileges at all U.S. Forces HFS program offices in Europe.

e. Based on agreements with the States of Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, Hessen, and Rheinland-Pfalz (app D), members of the U.S. Forces (defined in the agreements to include civilian employees and Family members) who are solely of European nationality (except British Forces members) may not participate in U.S. Forces hunting courses.

f. U.S. Forces HFS program offices will schedule and conduct hunting examinations and arrange for a test observer from the hosting German State Hunting Association to oversee the test. Hunting examinations include shooting, written, and oral tests. The sequence of the three tests may vary among German States.

(1) Examination authorities will strictly monitor weapons safety during the shooting test. Unsafe handling of weapons is cause for the examination authorities or the German Hunting Association test observer to fail and dismiss the student from the remainder of the examination.

(2) According to German law, testing officials may—

(a) Allow students to take two complete shooting tests if needed to pass the examination.

(b) Not allow students who fail the oral or written test to retest. If a student wants to pursue a hunting license through the U.S. Forces program, the student must start the process again by enrolling in the next available course.

g. Host HFS program offices and ODR centers will charge a minimum of \$200. Fees are due on the day of registration. All registration fees include an amount to cover the cost of providing a test observer from the locally responsible German State Hunting Association (*Landesjagdverband*) as required by German Government policy.

h. The chief hunting instructor will maintain a daily sign-in roster for all instructional sessions for the hunting course and will give the sign-in roster to the appropriate U.S. Forces HFS program office on the day of the examination.

i. U.S. Forces HFS program offices will issue AE Form 215-145E to participants who successfully complete the hunting course.

9. FISHING IN GERMANY

a. U.S. Forces personnel may fish in Germany if they have a German fishing license and fishing permit. Fishing without the required documents is considered poaching, and violators may be fined.

b. Fishing licenses are issued at the *Ordnungsamt* (public administration office) in the local *Rathaus* (townhall). The following must be submitted for a fishing license:

(1) Two copies of AE Form 215-145B signed by the applicant's commander.

(2) A copy of AE Form 215-145C issued by a U.S. Forces HFS program office.

(3) A passport-size photograph (2-by-2 inches or 51-by-51 millimeters).

c. Applicants applying for a juvenile fishing license in Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, and Rheinland-Pfalz must be at least 10 years old. Applicants in Hessen must be at least 12 years old.

d. Members of the U.S. Forces will fish only in waters where water-rights holders have issued fishing permits and in areas specified on the fishing permit.

10. FISHING COURSES AND EXAMINATIONS

a. The authority to conduct U.S. Forces fishing courses, examinations, and certification is based on German State law and agreements between the U.S. Forces and the German States of Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, Hessen, and Rheinland-Pfalz.

b. Fishing instructors who are certified by U.S. Forces and German fishing authorities may seek U.S. Forces HFS program approval to teach installation-level fishing courses.

c. Fishing courses must include at least 30 hours of instruction on general ichthyology (fish zoology), specialized ichthyology, hydrology, fishing equipment, and fishing laws. Appendix B provides a sample program of instruction for fishing courses.

d. Participants must attend all presentations to take the fishing examination. Fishing instructors must have written approval from a U.S. Forces HFS program office at least 1 month before the proposed course start date. Appendix B provides a sample format for requesting fishing courses.

e. Course participants must be members of the U.S. Forces HFS program. Students may become HFS program members at the nearest ODR center or HFS program office in the garrison where they will take the course. The membership card entitles the holder to obtain and renew the German fishing license through the U.S. Forces HFS program, and privileges at all HFS program offices in Europe.

f. Host ODR centers and HFS program offices will charge \$60 for fishing-course participants or \$100 for a Family. Fees are due on the day of registration.

g. Instructors will maintain a daily sign-in roster for each course session and give the sign-in roster to the appropriate U.S. Forces HFS program office on the day of the examination.

h. U.S. Forces HFS program offices will issue AE Form 215-145C to participants who successfully complete the fishing course.

11. SPORT SHOOTING IN GERMANY

a. ODR programs and HFS program offices will conduct sport shooting in Germany in accordance with German Weapons Law, AE Regulation 190-6, and the U.S. Forces Sport Shooting Handbook.

b. Garrisons and bases within Germany may arrange for sport-shooting knowledge training and certification by coordinating with the IMCOM-Europe Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting Office (DSN 474-4212). The standard fee for garrison- or base-level knowledge training and certification is \$60 per participant.

12. HUNTING, FISHING, AND SPORT SHOOTING PROGRAM OFFICES

Offices for the U.S. Forces HFS Program in Germany are at the Grafenwöhr Training Area (Camp Alger, building 2440, 92655 Grafenwöhr; DSN 474-4212 or civ 09641-454-4212) and Sembach Kaserne (building 111; DSN 496-5604 or civ 06302-67-5604).

13. AWARDS

a. U.S. Forces HFS program offices will provide award certificates and pins to recognize contributions made by instructors and volunteers. U.S. Forces HFS advisory councils, FMWR activities, and service organizations may nominate individuals for the following awards:

(1) Bronze. The approval level is the applicable IMCOM-Europe garrison commander or USAFE squadron commander.

(2) Silver. The approval level is the applicable IMCOM-Europe direct-report garrison commander or the USAFE support group commander.

(3) Gold. The approval level is the IMCOM-Europe G9.

b. U.S. Forces HFS program offices will present instructor achievement pins to certified hunting and fishing instructors as follows:

(1) Bronze. This pin is awarded to instructors who have successfully completed the U.S. Forces Hunting or Fishing Instructor Course.

(2) Silver. This pin is awarded to instructors who have served as chief instructors or assistant instructors for at least three lessons in a course, for a total of five overall hunting and fishing courses.

(3) Gold. This pin is awarded to instructors who have served as chief instructors or as assistant instructors for at least 3 lessons in a course, for a total of 10 overall hunting or fishing courses.

APPENDIX A REFERENCES

SECTION I PUBLICATIONS

German Federal Hunting Law, section 17, paragraphs (3) and (4)

German Federal Weapons Law

AR 215-1, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities

Air Force Manual 37-123, Management of Records

Air Force Policy Directive 34-1, Air Force Services Combat Support Programs

AE Regulation 190-6, Registration and Control of Privately Owned Firearms and Other Weapons in Germany

U.S. Forces Guide to Freshwater Fishing in Germany
(at <https://portal.eur.army.mil/sites/imcom-e/staff/mwrld/tab6.aspx>)

U.S. Forces Guide to Hunting in Germany
(at <https://portal.eur.army.mil/sites/imcom-e/staff/mwrld/tab6.aspx>)

U.S. Forces Sport Shooting Handbook
(at <https://portal.eur.army.mil/sites/imcom-e/staff/mwrld/SPORT%20SHOOTING/2%20-%20Overall%20Handbook%20English%202011-10-14.pdf>)

SECTION II FORMS

DA Form 2028, Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms

AE Form 190-6D, Part A, Application for/Authorization to Conduct Background Investigation

AE Form 215-145A, Application for Issuance/Renewal of a German Foreigners Hunting License for Members of the U.S. Forces Stationed in Germany/*Antrag auf Erteilung/Verlängerung eines Ausländer Jagdscheins für in Deutschland stationierte Mitglieder der US-Streitkräfte*

AE Form 215-145B, Application for German Fishing License/*Antrag auf Deutschen Fischereischein*

AE Form 215-145C, *Prüfungszeugnis für Sportfischer*/Certificate of Examination - Sportfishing

AE Form 215-145D, *Fischereierlaubnisschein*/Fishing Permit

AE Form 215-145E, Examination Certificate/*Prüfungszeugnis (Jagd/Hunting)*

AE Form 215-145F, Hunting Fishing & Shooting, U.S. Forces Member

APPENDIX B REQUESTS TO CONDUCT HUNTING AND FISHING COURSES AND SAMPLE PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION

This appendix provides sample formats for U.S. Forces hunting, fishing, and sport shooting (HFS) program offices and certified instructors who want to teach hunting and fishing courses.

- a. Figure B-1 is the format to request permission to conduct a hunting course.
- b. Figure B-2 is the format to request permission to conduct a fishing course.
- c. Figure B-3 is a sample program of instruction that must be completed by certified hunting instructors and submitted to the U.S. Forces HFS program office at least 1 month before the course starts.
- d. Figure B-4 is a sample program of instruction that must be completed by certified fishing instructors and submitted to the U.S. Forces HFS program office at least 1 month before the course starts.

OFFICE SYMBOL

Date

SUBJECT: Request to Conduct a Hunting Course

MEMORANDUM FOR HFS Program Office, IMCOM-Europe (IMEU-MWR-R), Unit 29064, APO AE 09136-9064

1. I request permission to conduct a hunting course from (start date) to (end date) at (name of installation and facility).
2. I am a certified hunting instructor and graduated from the course at the Baden-Württemberg State Hunting Association Hunting School at Dornsberg on (date and year).
3. Enclosed is a schedule of instruction, mandatory subjects, and minimum periods of instruction.
4. The following U.S. Forces-certified hunting instructors are scheduled to teach:

Name	Address	Telephone number	Year and location of certification
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In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as implemented by 32 C.F.R. Part 505, protected personal information will not be disclosed from this roster to anyone outside DOD. This roster will be kept in a secure place at all times. Obsolete copies will be destroyed as required by AR 25-55, paragraph 4-501.

5. I understand that the applicable U.S. Forces Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting program office will obtain a German State Hunting Association test observer for the test at a cost of €150, which is payable in cash to the test observer when the test is completed.
6. I understand that the U.S. Forces Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting program office will conduct the final hunting examination.
7. I am aware that I must keep a daily participation roster and give the roster to the examiner on the day of the examination. Students will be informed that all classes are mandatory and that they must attend them before taking the examination.

Encl

(signature of the chief instructor)

Figure B-1. Format to Request Permission to Conduct a Hunting Course

OFFICE SYMBOL

Date

SUBJECT: Request to Conduct a Fishing Course

MEMORANDUM FOR HFS Program Office, IMCOM-Europe (IMEU-MWR-R), Unit 29064, APO AE 09136-9064

1. I request permission to conduct a fishing course from (start date) to (end date) at (name of installation and facility).
2. I am a certified fishing instructor and graduated from the Bavarian State Fishing Institute in Starnberg on (date and year).
3. Enclosed is a schedule of instruction with mandatory subjects and minimum periods of instruction.
4. The following U.S. Forces-certified fishing instructors are scheduled to teach:

Name	Address	Telephone number	Year and location of certification
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In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a), as implemented by 32 CFR Part 505, protected personal information will not be disclosed from this roster to anyone outside DOD. This roster will be kept in a secure place at all times. Obsolete copies will be destroyed as required by AR 25-55, paragraph 4-501.

5. I understand that the applicable U.S. Forces Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting program office will conduct the final fishing examination.
6. I am aware that I must keep a daily participation roster and give the roster to the examiner on the day of the examination. Students will be informed that all classes are mandatory and that they must attend them before taking the examination.

Encl

(signature of the chief instructor)

Figure B-2. Format to Request Permission to Conduct a Fishing Course

**U.S. FORCES HUNTING COURSE SCHEDULE—MANDATORY SUBJECTS AND
MINIMUM INSTRUCTION**

SUBJECT	DATE COMPLETED	MINIMUM DURATION	NAMES OF INSTRUCTORS
1. Registration/introduction/welcome	_____	45 minutes	_____
2. Game biology			
Cloven hoof game			
- Roe deer	_____	120 minutes	_____
- Red deer	_____	90 minutes	_____
- Chamois	_____	60 minutes	_____
- Mouflon/fallow deer/sika deer	_____	60 minutes	_____
- Wild boar	_____	120 minutes	_____
Other haired game			
- Fox/badger	_____	60 minutes	_____
- Marten	_____	60 minutes	_____
- Hare/rabbit	_____	90 minutes	_____
Feathered game			
- Duck	_____	60 minutes	_____
- Goose/swan/crane	_____	30 minutes	_____
- Cormorant	_____	15 minutes	_____
- Pigeon	_____	30 minutes	_____
- Pheasant	_____	30 minutes	_____
- Partridge/snipe	_____	30 minutes	_____
- Predatory birds	_____	30 minutes	_____
- Crow	_____	30 minutes	_____
3. Game diseases	_____	120 minutes	_____
- Botfly, coccidiosis, fox tapeworm, myxomatosis, pig plague, rabies, trichinosis, warble fly			
4. Preparation of game			
- Hygienic requirements	_____	60 minutes	_____
- Gutting	_____	60 minutes	_____
- Preparation of trophies	_____	30 minutes	_____
5. German Hunting Law	_____	120 minutes	_____
6. German Weapons Law	_____	120 minutes	_____
7. Animal/nature protection	_____	60 minutes	_____

Figure B-3. Sample Program of Instruction for a Hunting Course

U.S. FORCES HUNTING COURSE SCHEDULE—MANDATORY SUBJECTS AND MINIMUM INSTRUCTION (CONTINUED)

SUBJECT	DATE COMPLETED	MINIMUM DURATION	NAMES OF INSTRUCTORS
8. Game conservation	_____	30 minutes	_____
9. Visit to hunting area	_____	240 minutes	_____
10. Firearms for hunting			
- Types	_____	30 minutes	_____
- Handling and safety	_____	90 minutes	_____
11. Shooting at range			
- Shotgun	_____	240 minutes	_____
- Rifle	_____	240 minutes	_____
- Pistol	_____	120 minutes	_____
12. Laser shooting			
- Moving targets	_____	60 minutes	_____
13. History of German hunting, traditions	_____	30 minutes	_____
14. Types of hunts			
- Still hunts, stalking, social hunts	_____	120 minutes	_____
15. Hunting equipment	_____	60 minutes	_____
16. Forestry and hunting in Germany, hunting organizations	_____	60 minutes	_____
17. Booking hunts	_____	30 minutes	_____
18. Game damage			
- Forest and field damage	_____	60 minutes	_____
- Prevention	_____	30 minutes	_____
- Game harvest plan	_____	30 minutes	_____
- Feeding	_____	30 minutes	_____
19. Wilderness first aid	_____	60 minutes	_____
20. Test preparation, review	_____	60 minutes	_____
21. Test			
	German Proctor		_____
Total hours: 58 (minimum)	Head Instructor		_____

Figure B-3. Sample Program of Instruction for a Hunting Course—Continued

U.S. FORCES FISHING COURSE SCHEDULE—SUBJECTS AND DURATION OF INSTRUCTION

SUBJECTS	DATE COMPLETED	MINIMUM DURATION	NAMES OF INSTRUCTORS
1. Welcome and introduction	_____	10 minutes	_____
2. Fishing agreement	_____	45 minutes	_____
3. Fishing coordinator	_____	10 minutes	_____
4. General ichthyology - Anatomy of fish - Historical development - Physiology of fish - Zoology	_____	180 minutes	_____
5. Specialized ichthyology - Cause of danger for fish, mussels, and crayfish - Distinctions - Habitat	_____	180 minutes	_____
6. Hydrology and conservation - General - Biological indicators - Fish diseases - Fish stocking and conservation - Mode of acting by fish dye - Type of waters - Water animals - Water plants - Water quality	_____	360 minutes	_____
7. Fishing equipment, techniques, and treatment of fish - Practical training - Theoretical training - Treatment of caught fish - Wilderness first aid	_____ _____ _____ _____	180 minutes 135 minutes 90 minutes 30 minutes	_____ _____ _____ _____
8. Laws - Animal Protection Act - Fishing law - Nature Protection Act	_____	180 minutes	_____
9. Fishing organizations and publications	_____	15 minutes	_____
10. Fishing licenses and permits	_____	120 minutes	_____
11. Wilderness first aid	_____	45 minutes	_____

Figure B-4. Sample Program of Instruction for a Fishing Course

APPENDIX C

APPLICATION FOR A GERMAN HUNTING LICENSE

C-1. PURPOSE

This appendix prescribes policy and procedures for the approval authorities in paragraph C-2 to issue reliability certification (glossary) for individuals applying for a German foreigners hunting license.

C-2. RESPONSIBILITIES

Approval authorities for AE Form 215-145A—

- a. In the Army in Europe are commanders of United States Army garrisons or the first lieutenant colonel in the applicant's chain of command.
- b. In USAFE are squadron commanders or the first lieutenant colonel in the applicant's chain of command.
- c. Will not delegate their approval authority. Applicants may not approve their own applications. Officers in positions of supervision over the officers in subparagraphs a and b above may approve applications for these persons.
- d. Must familiarize themselves with the German Federal Hunting Law, section 17, paragraphs (3) and (4) (fig C-1), before approving AE Form 215-145A.
- e. Will review and certify applications (AE Form 215-145A) for a German foreigners hunting license only when the applicant meets all requirements in (2)(a) through (k) below.
 - (1) When validating that the applicant meets the requirements, approval authorities—
 - (a) Will review the applicant's approved background check (AE Form 190-6D, part A).
 - (b) May rely on endorsements from trusted officials.
 - (c) May rely on their own judgment of the applicant's ability.
 - (2) When reviewing applications, approving authorities must verify that the applicant—
 - (a) Is at least 18 years old. This age limit is based on requirements of State ministry officials representing Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, Hessen, and Rheinland-Pfalz.
 - (b) Has successfully completed a U.S. Forces hunting course and has at least one of the following:
 1. A valid German hunting license.
 2. An expired German hunting license.
 3. A valid examination certificate (*Prüfungszeugnis*) from a U.S. Forces hunting course.
 - (c) Is reliable and physically fit (para C-4).

(d) Has not had a previously issued hunting license withdrawn.

(e) Has sufficient hunting-liability insurance.

(f) Uses weapons and ammunition carefully and properly.

(g) Handles and stores weapons and ammunition in storage cabinets that comply with provisions of the German Weapons Law and AE Regulation 190-6.

(h) Prohibits others who do not have the legal authority to use weapons and ammunition from using the applicant's weapons and ammunition.

(i) Has no record of—

1. Convictions of the offenses listed in figure C-1.

2. Criminal offenses resulting from the influence of alcohol.

3. Serious or frequent violations of law.

4. Criminal offenses involving a violation of a regulation or law listed in figure C-1.

(j) Is of sound mental health and has no record of being declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to lack legal capacity.

(k) Is not addicted to alcohol or drugs.

NOTE: If the applicant has been convicted under conditions described in figure C-1 or has ever been convicted of an offense and sentenced to confinement by a court of competent jurisdiction, the approval authority will not approve the person's application until 5 years after the period of confinement is completed.

C-3. BASIS FOR CERTIFICATION

German Federal Hunting Law, section 17, paragraphs (3) and (4) (fig C-1), requires that delegated authorities certify the reliability of the German hunting-license applicant. These authorities are garrison commanders or the first lieutenant colonel in the applicant's chain of command for U.S. Army personnel. In USAFE, these authorities are squadron commanders or the first lieutenant colonel in the applicant's chain of command.

C-4. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

If there is reason to doubt the applicant's reliability or physical fitness, the approval authority should ask the applicant to present a medical-fitness certificate before issuing the reliability certification. This medical-fitness certificate must be prepared by a medical examiner or medical specialist and must state that the applicant is mentally or physically fit (or both).

C-5. DENIAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF A HUNTING LICENSE

German authorities will void and withdraw a hunting license if they discover facts that justify denial of the license. The investigation of the facts will include a review of the approving authorities' investigation into the facts certified on AE Form 215-145A when a licensed hunter is found to have abused alcohol or committed a violation of the law (fig C-1). Only persons with appropriate authority and understanding of the seriousness of granting approval will be given this responsibility because of the need for thorough preapproval checks and the long-term consequences of approving an application.

C-6. LICENSE-ISSUING PROCEDURES

German States require U.S. Forces hunting, fishing, and sport shooting (HFS) program offices to review new and renewal applications. Only applications that have been validated by IMCOM-Europe or USAFE will be processed for a German foreigners hunting license.

a. After the approval authority signs the reliability certification (AE Form 215-145A, para 2.3), the applicant must send or take the application with the items listed below to the appropriate office (b below) for review, validation, and filing. When preparing their application package—

(1) First-time applicants must include their approved background investigation (AE Form 190-6D, part A), their valid examination certificate (AE Form 215-145E), two passport-size photographs, proof of liability insurance (a minimum of €50,000 for property damage and €1,000,000 for personal liability), and their application with original signatures. First-time applicants also must have an active HFS program membership.

(2) Renewal applicants must include their expiring or expired German foreigners hunting license, proof of liability insurance, and their application with original signatures. Renewal applicants also must have an active HFS program membership.

b. Applicants who live in—

(1) Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, or Hessen will send their application package to the HFS Program Office, Grafenwöhr Training Area (Camp Algier, Building 2440, 92655 Grafenwöhr) (DSN 474-4212 or civ 09641-454-4212).

(2) Rheinland-Pfalz will send their application package to IMCOM-Europe (IMEU-MWR-R/HFS Program Office, Unit 29064, APO AE 09136-9064; DSN 496-5604 or civ 06302-67-5604) for validation.

c. After reviewing and validating the application, the appropriate HFS program office will make copies of the application items and return all original documents to the applicant to take to the appropriate German lower hunting-authority office.

d. On receipt of the approved original documents from the HFS program office, the applicant will take the original documents to the German lower hunting-authority office that serves the garrison or USAFE installation where the applicant is residing. The lower hunting-authority office will contact the applicant when the new or renewed license is approved.

GERMAN FEDERAL HUNTING LAW (*BUNDESJAGDGESETZ*) (ENGLISH TRANSLATION)

Section 17 Denial of Hunting Licenses

(1) A hunting license will be denied to persons—

1. Who are not at least 16 years old. (*The minimum age for U.S. Forces personnel is 18 (basic pub, para 8d(2)).*)
2. For whom facts justify the assumption that they do not have the necessary dependability or physical fitness.
3. Whose hunting licenses have been withdrawn during the withdrawal or ban period (sections 18 and 41, paragraph 2, Federal Hunting Law).
4. Who fail to prove that they have obtained sufficient hunting liability insurance coverage (€1,000,000 for personal injury and €50,000 for damage to property). Insurance may be obtained only from insurance companies that have an established place of business in the European Economic Community or a branch office within the area of application of the *Versicherungsaufsichtsgesetz* (Insurance Supervisory Law). Federal States may authorize the conclusion of group insurance without compulsory membership.

NOTE: Persons who do not have the dependability or personal fitness within the meaning of sections 5 and 6 of the *Waffengesetz (WaffG)* (Weapons Law) will be issued a hunting license only according to section 15, paragraph 7.

(2) A hunting license may be denied to persons who—

1. Are not at least 18 years old.
2. Are not German within the meaning of Article 116 of the *Grundgesetz* (Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany).
3. Were not permanent or habitual residents for at least 3 consecutive years within the area of application of this law.
4. Have seriously or repeatedly violated the principles of section 1, paragraph 3.

(3) Persons do not have the necessary reliability if there is reason to believe that they will—

1. Use weapons or ammunition improperly or carelessly.
2. Not handle weapons or ammunition carefully and properly and will not store such items appropriately.
3. Make weapons and ammunition available to persons who are not authorized to exercise control over such items.

Figure C-1. Section 17 of the German Federal Hunting Law

(4) Persons usually do not have the necessary dependability if they—

1. Have been finally convicted of—

a. A felony.

b. A premeditated offense justifying one of the assumptions within the meaning of paragraph (3), numbers 1 through 3.

c. A negligent offense in connection with handling of weapons, ammunition, or explosives.

d. An offense in violation of hunting, animal protection, or nature preservation regulations; the *WaffG*; the *Gesetz über die Kontrolle von Kriegswaffen* (the Law on the Control of Weapons of War); or the *Sprengstoffgesetz* (Explosives Act).

As well as sentenced to—

a. Prison.

b. A prison sentence for juveniles.

c. Pay a fine of at least 60 *Tagessätze** (daily rates), or if they were convicted at least twice to pay a small fine and less than 5 years have passed since the last conviction became final. This period includes time that has elapsed since the enforceability of the revocation or withdrawal of a hunting license or a prohibition to possess weapons pursuant to section 41 of the *WaffG* imposed because of the offense that is the basis for the conviction; the time during which the person was committed to an institution based on an order by the authorities or the court will not be considered for that period.

2. Have repeatedly or grossly violated one of the regulations stated in number 1, letter d above.

3. Are legally incapable or have limited legal capacity.

4. Are addicted to drugs or alcohol, mentally ill, or feeble-minded.

* Literally *daily rates*, meaning that the person had to pay a set fine (determined by a court) per day for 60 days.

(5) If proceedings pursuant to paragraph (4), number 1, are not yet completed, the competent authority may postpone the decision on the application for issuance of a hunting license until the proceedings are ended by final decision. The time during which the proceedings are suspended will be included for the period pursuant to paragraph (4), number 1, first half of the sentence.

(6) If facts are known that give reason to be concerned about the reliability of a person pursuant to paragraph (4), number 4, or the physical fitness pursuant to paragraph (1), number 2, the competent authority may ask the person concerned to submit a certificate regarding his mental and physical fitness issued by a medical officer or a medical specialist.

Figure C-1. Section 17 of the German Federal Hunting Law (Continued)

APPENDIX D

SUMMARY OF U.S. FORCES AGREEMENTS WITH THE GERMAN STATES OF BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG, BAYERN, HESSEN, AND RHEINLAND-PFALZ

D-1. U.S. Forces officials met in 1997-1998 with officials representing the German States of Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, Hessen, and Rheinland-Pfalz. The purpose of these meetings was to review and update agreements to continue U.S. Forces hunting programs in Germany.

D-2. U.S. Forces in Germany, represented by Army Family and morale, welfare, and recreation programs and Air Force Services programs, may conduct English-language training that qualifies U.S. Forces personnel to apply for German hunting licenses and fishing licenses.

a. Specifics on fishing-course content are outlined in appendix B, figure B-4.

b. Specifics on hunting-course content are outlined in appendix B, figure B-3.

D-3. Chief instructors for U.S. Forces hunting courses in Germany must be trained and certified by the *Landesjagdverband* (State Hunting Association) Baden-Württemberg at the association's facilities in Dornsberg, Germany. Chief instructors for U.S. Forces fishing courses in Germany must be trained and certified by the *Landesfischereiverband Bayern* (Bavarian State Fishing Association) at its institute in Starnberg, Germany.

D-4. The U.S. Forces will ensure that hunting tests include a written test, an oral test, and a shooting test that comply with German State requirements. The U.S. Forces will coordinate with respective State hunting associations to ensure that the association provides an individual to serve as an observer and testing certifier for each U.S. Forces hunting test. The U.S. Forces will provide an equivalent of €150 to the State hunting association test observer for his or her services.

D-5. Participants in U.S. Forces hunting courses in Germany must be—

a. U.S. citizens.

b. At least 18 years old on the day that they participate in a U.S. Forces hunting test.

D-6. German hunting authorities will issue *Ausländer* (foreigner) hunting licenses to individuals who successfully complete the U.S. Forces hunting course. Fees that German hunting authorities charge for foreigner hunting licenses for U.S. Forces personnel will be identical to fees that German hunting authorities charge for regular German hunting licenses.

D-7. U.S. Forces hunting, fishing, and sport shooting offices will review and certify all U.S. Forces applications for hunting licenses for accuracy.

GLOSSARY

SECTION I ABBREVIATIONS

AE	Army in Europe
AEPUBS	Army in Europe Library & Publishing System
APO	Army post office
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DA	Department of the Army
DEROS	date eligible for return from overseas
DSN	Defense Switched Network
FMWR	Family and morale, welfare, and recreation
FY	fiscal year
GLAC	general ledger account code
HFS	hunting, fishing, and sport shooting
HQ USAFE	Headquarters, United States Air Forces in Europe
HQ USAREUR	Headquarters, United States Army Europe
IMCOM-Europe	United States Army Installation Management Command, Europe Region
MI	middle initial
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
ODR	outdoor recreation
SSN	social security number
U.S.	United States
USAFE	United States Air Forces in Europe
USAG	United States Army garrison
USAREUR	United States Army Europe
USC	United States Code
<i>WaffG</i>	<i>Waffengesetz</i> (German Weapons Law)

SECTION II TERM

reliability certification (*Unbedenklichkeitsbescheinigung*)

Signed certification of the applicant's reliability and competence to handle, carry, and use weapons and ammunition safely.