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SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison Mannheim Command Policy #67, Bicycle Safety

1. References.

a. AE Reg 190-1, Registering and Operating Privately Owned Motor Vehicles in Germany, 9 March 2005.

b. German Traffic Regulation – Strassenverkehrs – Ordnung (StVO)

c. German Traffic Regulation – Strassenverkehrs – Zulassungsordnung (StVO)

2. Purpose. The purpose of this police is to outline specific requirements to minimize the potential for accidents/injuries to bicyclists within the United States Army Garrison Mannheim (USAG-M) area of operation.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all individuals on military installations within the geographic boundaries of USAG-M.

4. General. Riding a bicycle in traffic is particularly dangerous in Germany, especially when separate bicycle lanes are not available. High traffic density, the speed of vehicles and narrow streets require special attention from bicyclists in order to be on the "safe side" when participating in public traffic. In Germany, bicyclists and motorists are treated equally; although bicyclists do not need a driver's license, they both must conform to the same traffic laws and regulations.

5. Responsibilities.

a. All bicyclists will:

(1) Ride only on the seat attached to the bicycle.

(2) Carry only the number of people the bicycle is designed and equipped to carry. Passengers will sit on an authorized, attached seat.

(3) Ride in single file. Riding side by side is only permissible if other traffic is not impeded. When bicycle lanes are available, they must be used. When bicycle lanes are available on both sides of the road, bicyclists must ride in the same direction of traffic. Riding in the direction of on-coming traffic is only authorized when indicated by signs.

(4) Not carry packages or other articles that prevent the bicyclist from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.

(5) Not use a cell (mobile) phone while riding their bicycle.

b. Parents will ensure that children eight years of age and under ride on sidewalks and dismount their bicycles when crossing streets.

6. Bicycle Safety Equipment. The following safely equipment guidelines must be complied with by all cyclists:

a. Bicycles will be equipped with a headlight that emits a white light and a tail light that emits a red light. Bicyclists will wear light colored clothing or reflective accessories.

b. Bicycles will be equipped with two independent brakes for the front and rear wheels.

c. Bicycle wheels will have two reflectors mounted 180 degrees apart on the spokes. Bicycle pedals will have reflectors designed and placed to be visible from the front and rear of the bicycle during darkness.

d. Bicycle operators and passengers on DoD and U.S. Forces Installations will wear an approved safety helmet properly fastened under the chin. Helmets must meet standards of the American National Standard Institute, Snell Memorial Foundation Standards, or the Economic Commission of Europe for bicycle helmets.

7. Non-compliance. The following actions articulate the potention repercussions for non-compliance:

a. First Offense: The Military Police (MP) will issue a warning ticket and/or notify the Sponsor if the offender is a juvenile (ages up through 18 years when still enrolled in High School). Confrontational or belligerent individuals or those attempting to run from or otherwise elude the MP patrols will be subject to citations for additional offenses of misconduct under USAREUR Regulation 27-9. If the offense is related to non-compliance with safety equipment, riding privileges will be revoked until safety equipment infractions are corrected.

b. Second Offense: Subjects will receive a DD Form 1408 that will be forwarded to their commander for appropriate action. In the case of family members and civilians, the Sponsor will receive a sanction letter. This letter may require that violators perform up to 4 hours of

community service (with sponsor, if juvenile is cited). Additionally, violators may be prohibited from riding a bicycle on the military installation for a period of 14 days.

c. Third Offense: Subjects will experience more severe measures, including suspension of logistical support privileges and assessment of up to 12 hours of community service and suspension of riding privileges for a period of up to 30 days.

8. The proponent of this policy is the USAG Mannheim Safety Office, DSN 385-3453/CIV 0621-730-3453.

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