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MEMORANDUM FOR USAREUR/7A Aviation and Flight Planning Personnel

SUBJECT: United States Army Europe (USAREUR) Operational Air Traffic (OAT) Flight Planning Test

1. General: Flights conducted in the European Theatre are conducted either under Operational Air Traffic (OAT) or General Air Traffic (GAT). When flight plans are submitted, by default they are placed in the GAT system and controlled by civil air traffic services. To enter the OAT system, specific entries (Route and/or Remarks) must be placed on the DD Form 1801 when the flight plan is submitted. When flights are conducted under OAT, air traffic services are routinely provided by the military branch of the dual civil/military Air Traffic Control System and normally conducted outside civil ATS routes. OAT flights may be under the control of Military Area Control Center or radar but may be handled by civil controllers. When appropriately filed, flights may be conducted with segments alternating between OAT and GAT.

2. Test: USAREUR/7A has received a request from the German Government to conduct as many military flights as possible using the OAT system. In order to support this request, all U.S. Army aircraft filing flight plans with Army Flight Operations Detachment (AFOD) will file for OAT handling. Flights conducted entirely within Germany should only have to add "RMK/OAT" in block 18 of their DD Form 1801, all other entries should remain the same. If AFOD receives a flight plan without the OAT remark, the AFOD Flight Data Processing personnel will query the pilot requesting that the entry be added. This test will run thru the end of September 2004.

3. Feedback: Request that flight data be provided to AFOD at [<http://afod.hqusareur.army.mil>], telephonically at 373-6201 or 06221-17-6201, FAX at 373-6542 or 06221-17-6542, or email [afodfdp@hq.hqusareur.army.mil]. The following flight information is requested:

- a. Flight date
- b. Call Sign
- c. Flight rules
- d. Departure aerodrome
- e. Flight Level
- f. Any significant or unusual clearance or flight delays - YES / NO
- g. Any significant or unusual handling or routing - YES / NO
- h. Remarks – General comments or observations on the flight

4. Flight Plan Filing: When filing flight plans, refer to the following chart for applicable DOD FLIP references concerning appropriate entries to be placed on the DD Form 1801 to request OAT handling.

COUNTRY	GP Reference	AP/2 Reference	DD Form 1801 Entry
Belgium-Luxembourg	Page 2-20, 2-33	Page 3-12 to 3-13, 3-37 to 3-38	Block 15 and 18
France	Page 2-20, 2-33	Page 1-2, 3-31 to 3-48, 3-70	Block 15 and 18
Germany	Page 2-20, 2-33	Page 3-70, 3-74	Block 18 (15 if leaving)
Italy	Page 2-20, 2-33	Page 3-38, 3-130 to 3-131	Block 15 and 18
Netherlands	Page 2-20, 2-33	Page 3-136 to 3-137	Block 15 and 18
Spain	Page 2-20, 2-33	Page 3-39	Block 15 and 18
Switzerland	Page 2-20, 2-33	Page 3-39 to 3-40	Block 15 and 18
UK	Page 2-20, 2-33	Page 1-2, 3-38, 3-160 to 3-165, 3-174	Block 15 and 18

5. POC this memorandum is the CW4 Johnson at 373-6201 or [peter.johnson@hq.hqusareur.army.mil].



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