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TITLE: COVID-19 Public Health Measures for Personnel within the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) Authority of the Commander, 21st Theater Sustainment Command.

PURPOSE. This General Order identifies conduct that is prejudicial to good order and discipline, health, and safety of all personnel within the 21st TSC SRO area of responsibility.

AUTHORITY. Article II, NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), 19 June 1951; 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); HQDA General Order No. 2008-01, General Court-Martial Convening Authority, 11 March 2008; Army in Europe Regulation (AER) 10-5, Organizations and Functions, 5 December 2019; AER 27-9, Misconduct by Civilians, 22 November 2011; AER 27-10, Military Justice and Legal Services, 19 August 2014; 21st TSC Supplement to AR 27-10, 16 January 2019.

APPLICABILITY. This General Order applies to all individuals stationed, assigned, attached and/or present on military installations within the 21st TSC SRO area of responsibility, to include Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians (DACs), Family Members, and other affiliated personnel. This General Order supersedes General Order Number 3, dated 5 June 2020, until further notice.

1. STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY. In order to combat the spread of COVID-19, host nations are enacting aggressive public health prevention and mitigation measures. Article II of the NATO SOFA requires the United States to respect host nation laws and imposes a sovereign duty to take necessary measures to that end. This order fulfills that obligation and clarifies the applicability of host nation COVID-19 public health measures on military installations within the 21st TSC SRO.

2. PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES. Public health measures, to include restrictions on freedom of movement, enacted by host nation governments in response to COVID-19 will be obeyed both on and off military installations.

3. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES. The following restrictions apply:

a. Individuals may utilize any business or establishment operating on a military installation. Individuals may also utilize any host nation business or establishment that is lawfully operating in accordance with host nation rules and regulations.

b. All individuals (Service Members, DACs, Family Members, and other affiliated personnel) must comply with host nation travel guidance.

c. Leave, pass, or other unofficial travel by Service Members inside their resident host nation's borders is authorized.

d. Leave, pass, or other unofficial travel by Service Members across international borders is prohibited unless authorized by current DoD, USEUCOM, and USAREUR policy. Those policies will be consolidated and published as an Annex to this General Order.

e. Commanders may use routine (pre-stop move) leave and pass approval procedures to approve leave, pass or other unofficial travel authorized under paragraph 3c or the Annex. Because DoD, USEUCOM, and USAREUR policy may change quickly regarding specific countries as they battle COVID-19, Service Members traveling across international borders must confirm, even if leave has already been approved, prior to departure, that the entire travel itinerary is authorized on the most recent Annex to this General Order.

4. PUNITIVE ORDER. This order is punitive. Persons subject to the UCMJ may be punished according to its provisions or face adverse administrative action. Persons not subject to the UCMJ may face administrative sanctions imposed under AER 27-9, to include revocation of logistical support privileges, termination of access to Government housing facilities, bars to the installation, or involuntary early return of dependents. Host nation civil and criminal penalties may also be imposed.

5. INDIVIDUAL DUTY. Individuals subject to this General Order have the individual duty to know and understand these prohibitions. Individuals have a further duty to become familiar with and respect host nation laws regarding COVID-19 prevention.

6. UNIT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY. Commanders will ensure personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this order. Commanders will further ensure dissemination of host nation restrictions, and information on what nations are open for internal and/or international travel, as they are published.

7. EXCEPTION AUTHORITY. Unofficial travel not authorized under paragraph 3 may be approved by a General Officer or member of the Senior Executive Service.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This General Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until rescinded by me or superseded by a new General Order.


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