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Privately Owned Firearm Restrictions in Germany

1. Effective immediately, HQ USAREUR has directed that soldiers and civilians no longer be allowed to ship, transport or hand-carry privately owned firearms to Germany. This is necessary to avoid the possibility of German criminal prosecution for unauthorized possession of weapons.
2. HQ USAREUR and the German Federal Ministry of the Interior are developing procedures to enable civilian employees and military personnel assigned to Germany and their dependents to obtain a German weapons possession card (waffenbesitzkarte) through the USAREUR Central Registry. This restriction on firearms will be modified or rescinded when the weapons permit procedures are finalized and implemented.
3. The travel orders for Department of the Army Civilian employees traveling to Germany will read: effective immediately, you will not ship, transport or hand-carry privately-owned firearms to Germany.

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