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SUBJ:SUMMER NIGHT FLYING PROGRAM 2002

USAREUR MESSAGE # 0204170

REFERENCE: BUNDESMINISTERIUM DER VERTEIDIGUNG PERMANENT SUMMER  
FLYING AGREEMENT RELEASE, DATED 29 APR 02, BONN

1. THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT APPROVED THE PERMANENT SUMMER NIGHT LOW LEVEL FLYING EXTENDED HOURS AGREEMENT WITHIN THE HELICOPTER FLIGHT COORDINATION AREAS (HFCA).
2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO OUTLINE GERMAN FEDERAL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (FMOD) CHANGES TO THE RESTRICTIONS FOR LOW LEVEL HELICOPTER FLIGHTS IN THE USAREUR HELICOPTER FLIGHT COORDINATION AREAS (HFCA). THE CHANGES ARE PERMANENT AND ARE LIMITED TO MAY, JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST.
3. CURRENT GERMAN REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES REQUIRE AN APPROVED WAIVER PRIOR TO CONDUCTING FLIGHTS FOR THE FOLLOWING, UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES:
  - 3.A. ALL VFR FLIGHTS (TRAINING, SERVICE, OR EXERCISE) FALLING ON WEEKENDS, GERMAN HOLIDAYS, AND BETWEEN 24 DECEMBER TO 01 JANUARY (GERMAN MILITARY FLIGHT REGULATION).

3.B. FLIGHTS DEPARTING PRIOR TO 0700 HOURS AND THOSE TERMINATING AFTER 2300 HOURS MONDAY-FRIDAY.

3.C. HELICOPTER LOW LEVEL FLYING (BELOW 500' AGL) ON WEEKENDS AND GERMAN HOLIDAYS.

4. FMOD HAS APPROVED THE PERMANENT AGREEMENT FOR THE SUMMER NIGHT LOW LEVEL FLYING HOURS AS FOLLOWS:

4.A. WITHIN USAREUR HFCA: LOW LEVEL FLIGHTS WITHIN HFCA ARE PERMITTED UNTIL 0130 HOURS DURING MAY AND AUGUST. FLIGHTS ARE PERMITTED UNTIL 0200 JUNE AND JULY. THE FLIGHTS ARE LIMITED TO TWO DAYS PER WEEK, TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

4.B. FLIGHT OPERATIONS AT AIRFIELDS AND HELIPOINTS UNTIL 0130 HOURS DURING MAY AND AUGUST AND 0200 DURING JUNE AND JULY SHALL BE LIMITED TO RETURN FLIGHTS FROM LOW LEVEL TRAINING WITHIN THE HFCA. PRACTICE APPROACHES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT HELIPOINTS OR AIRFIELDS AFTER MIDNIGHT. HOT REFUELING IS NOT ALLOWED AFTER 2400 HOURS.

4.C. IN THE HFCA SURROUNDING MTA GRAFENWOHR / HOHENFELS LOW LEVEL FLIGHTS ARE PERMITTED, WITHIN THE PORTION OF THE USAREUR HFCA, AFTER MIDNIGHT FOUR NIGHTS PER WEEK, TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. NO COMPENSATION IS REQUIRED AT HOHENFELS AND GRAFENWOHR.

4.D. ILLESHEIM HAS BEEN GRANTED TWO NIGHTS EACH WEEK (TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY) PER HELICOPTER COORDINATION AREA (TALON NORTH AND TALON SOUTH).

4.E. AS COMPENSATION, FOR EACH NIGHT DURING WHICH FLIGHT OPERATIONS TAKE PLACE AFTER MIDNIGHT, FLIGHT OPERATIONS SHALL BE TERMINATED NLT 1900 HOURS ON SOME OTHER NIGHT (MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY) DURING THE SUMMER PERIOD (MAY THROUGH AUGUST). GERMAN HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS MAY NOT BE UTILIZED AS PAYBACK DAYS. FRIDAYS MAY BE UTILIZED AS A PAYBACK DAY WITH OPERATIONS CEASING NLT 1500 HOURS.

4.F. IN INDIVIDUAL CASES, ON THE COMPENSATION DAYS, FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARE PERMITTED AFTER THE MENTIONED TIMES EITHER TO MAINTAIN READINESS OR BASED UPON ORDERS FROM A COMMAND AUTHORITY, DIVISION LEVEL OR HIGHER, WHEN PRESSING OPERATIONAL REASONS EXIST.

5. FMOD IMPOSES THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

5.A. USAREUR IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE SUMMER NIGHT FLYING REPORT TO FMOD ON SEPTEMBER 15TH OF THE APPLICABLE YEAR. THE REPORT WILL CONTAIN THE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS CONDUCTED AND PAYBACK NIGHTS. THE REPORT WILL CONTAIN OPERATIONS IN EACH HFCA BY AIRCRAFT TYPE.

5.B. NO SUMMER NIGHT FLYING ON GERMAN HOLIDAYS.

6. ALL COMMANDERS ARE REQUIRED TO OFFICIALLY NOTIFY THE LOCAL MAYORS, COUNTY COMMISSIONS, AND THE PUBLIC NO LESS THAN ONE WEEK PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE SUMMER NIGHT FLYING PROGRAM. EACH NOTIFICATION MUST BE OFFICIALLY DOCUMENTED. COMMANDERS MUST BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THIS IF REQUESTED BY FMOD. A COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION WILL BE FORWARDED THROUGH THE RESPECTIVE CHAIN OF COMMAND TO USAREUR ODCSOPS-AVN WITHIN ONE WEEK OF NOTIFICATION. TRAINING ACTIVITIES UNDER THE NEW PROVISIONS MAY TAKE PLACE, AT THE EARLIEST, ONE WEEK AFTER NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN MADE.

7. NOISE COMPLAINTS GENERATED FROM FLYING OPERATIONS CONDUCTED UNDER THE SUMMER NIGHT FLYING WAIVER ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NOISE ABATEMENT COMMISSION CHAIR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ASSISTANT, AND THE PAO. USFLOS WILL ASSIST AS REQUIRED.

7.A. CHAIRS WILL INFORM USAREUR ODCSOPS AVIATION OF ANY COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

8. WEEKLY UTILIZATION REPORTS CONCERNING THE TYPE MISSION FLOWN, NUMBER OF HELICOPTERS, SORTIES, TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS, HFCA UTILIZED, AIRCRAFT SHUTDOWN TIMES, AND PAYBACK DAYS WILL BE REPORTED NLT FRIDAY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS BY THE UNITS TO HIGHER HEADQUARTERS.

- 8.A. V CORPS, G3 AVIATION WILL CONSOLIDATE CORPS AVIATION USAGE AND SUBMIT TO USAREUR AVN NLT COB THE FOLLOWING MONDAY.
- 8.B. 1-214TH AVN REGT AND 2-502ND AVN WILL SEND REPORTS DIRECTLY TO ODCSOPS-AVN EACH MONDAY.
- 8.C. ODCSOPS-AVN WILL BRIEF THE DCSOPS MID-SUMMER ON THE STATUS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE 2002 SUMMER NIGHT FLYING WAIVER.
9. A FLY FRIENDLY ATTITUDE AND AVOIDANCE OF POPULATED AREAS IS MANDATORY. OUR ABILITY TO EXECUTE THESE MISSIONS WITH MINIMUM IMPACT ON THE CIVILIAN POPULATION WILL DETERMINE THE FATE OF THIS NEW PERMANENT AGREEMENT.
10. THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE CURRENT PROCESS FOR WAIVER REQUESTS FOR HOLIDAY, WEEKEND AND AFTER HOUR REQUESTS WHICH ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THE SUMMER HFCA NIGHT HOURS.
11. POCs FOR THIS MESSAGE ARE CPT TAYLOR AT DSN 370-9488, MR. SCHULZE AT DSN 370-3261 OR MR. PHILLIPS AT DSN 370-9461.

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