

## AAFES streamlines fuel purchases

**MAINZ-KASTEL, Germany** – United States Army Europe and the Army & Air Force Exchange Service –Europe will transition to a self-enforcement policy for fuel sales at AAFES gas stations beginning Germany wide March 22.

The AAFES gas stations at the United States Army Garrison-Wiesbaden will begin a pilot program at the Hainerberg station March 8 and at the Mainz-Kastel station March 10.

“This new policy will result in the complete elimination of pre-fuel purchase checks – no more dreaded registration and Esso fuel card checks prior to pumping,” said Col. Chuck Salvo, commander, AAFES-Europe. “This will significantly speed up fuel purchases at AAFES facilities across Germany.”

The transition to the self-enforcement policy will also eliminate letters from the Provost Marshal through the customer’s chain of command for routine violations, such as exceeding monthly ration allowances. This allows customers to manage their ration balance and handle their own violations not the Provost Marshal.

“I think the new policy is great,” said Danny Batara, of Salinas, Calif., a Mainz-Kastel Vehicle Registration clerk. “If a person needs more fuel rations, come to the vehicle registration office and request an exception to policy through your chain of command for more fuel rations.” Customers must submit an AE Form 600-17A through their chain of command to HQs USAREUR for additional rations that will be loaded to their fuel card.

Customers who exceed their authorized fuel rations or have an invalid or deactivated fuel ration card at AAFES gas stations will be charged German fuel prices found on the local economy which can easily be 100 percent more than AAFES fuel prices.



“I think it’s a good idea and fair,” said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Brian Marquardt, of St. Paul, Minn., the Medical Equipment Maintenance Officer in Charge, 421st Multifunctional Medical Battalion at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. “Charging the German price is a reasonable measure (for exceeding fuel rations).”

Customers are still required to show their vehicle registration, fuel ration card and military identification at the time of payment.

According to the USAREUR Provost Marshal Office, once the new policy is in place customers who exceed their ration allowance will not be in violation of AER 600-17 because the customer will pay the local economy price, not the non-taxed price. The PMO does not plan to refer over rations purchase for administrative or UCMJ actions and no MP report will be generated.

The new self enforcement policy will streamline procedures to purchase fuel and will save customers time. Customers who exceed their tax free fuel ration amount will pay the taxed fuel rate for the amount of fuel that exceeds their rations.

“Customers must know their monthly fuel ration status prior to pumping or it will cost them at the pump when they exceed their ration allocation,” said Salvo.