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Personnel

**BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES AUTHORIZED THE US EMBASSY
AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES**

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PURPOSE: To furnish guidance concerning benefits and privileges authorized the United States Embassy and other US Governmental Agencies assigned to Japan/Okinawa.

1. Scope. This instruction is applicable to all service commands of the United States Forces in Japan and United States Government Agencies.

2. General:

2.1. The US-Japan SOFA provides that certain benefits and privileges available to SOFA status personnel may also be provided to 'other officers and personnel of the United States Government ordinarily accorded such privileges abroad.' This provision includes only US citizens, employees, and their dependents irrespective of nationality. Accordingly, US national personnel of the US Embassy in Japan and other United States Governmental Agencies administratively attached thereto are authorized to obtain benefits and privileges from United States Forces, Japan. This includes direct hire US personnel and their immediate family members assigned to the US Embassy or US Consulates in Japan under the authority of the Chief of Mission. All eligible Mission employees are issued a distinctive photo identification card by the Embassy reflecting their status. Also, certain high level visitors may be issued non-photo identification cards by the Embassy for temporary use. These cards will reflect eligibility for the following benefits and privileges:

2.1.1. Those contained in Article XV, SOFA (for example, exchange, commissary, billeting, recreational facilities, etc.).

2.1.2. Medical and Dental care and hospitalization on a reimbursable basis in accordance with existing regulations.

2.1.3. APO/FPO privileges.

2.1.4. Laundry and dry-cleaning services.

2.1.5. Use of US Currency or Dollar Instruments. The Embassy will enforce regulations

prescribing the use of US currency or dollar instruments, contained in USFJ Instruction 65-102, Comptroller Financial Regulations.

2.2. Requests for benefits and privileges for other non-DoD personnel will be referred to this headquarters, Attn: J1, for approval.

3. References:

3.1. Agreed Minutes to Article XV of the Agreement Under Article VI of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States of America and Japan, Regarding Facilities and Areas and the Status of United States Armed Forces in Japan (US-Japan SOFA).

3.2. Minutes of the Joint Meeting for Negotiations of US-Japan Administrative Agreement, January 29, 1952, etc.



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