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FROM: SAF/IAP
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Washington, DC 20330-1080

SUBJECT: Dedicated Squadron Requests to Participate in "Third Party" Flight Training/Exercises (IAPX03-036)

This policy memo establishes guidance on procedures for staffing "Dedicated Squadron" (e.g. Taiwan, Singapore, Germany) requests to conduct "third party" flying training/events with other international air forces or participate in international exercises (not sponsored by the USAF).

Overarching goals/considerations

The overarching policy goals of this memo are to ensure:

- a. Early/formal staffing of requests--appropriate lead time to address and resolve possible issues (e.g. policy, legal, disclosure, financial, flight safety, homeland security...etc.)
- b. Timely responses to Dedicated Squadrons--goal is a positive/negative response NLT 30 days from receipt of request

At a minimum, all Dedicated Squadron requests are staffed with the following considerations:

- a. Overall benefits (e.g. political-military, interoperability) and risks (e.g. legal, financial, disclosure, flight safety) to USAF--goal is to minimize risk to USAF/USG

Note: To properly address risks, USAF OPCON (of "Dedicated Squadrons") must be addressed/confirmed in all requests--for either CONUS or overseas events/exercises

- b. Impact on specific USAF organizations affected--goal is non-interference with USAF unit operations/priorities
- c. Consistency with the specific/general "Dedicated Squadron" mission and scope of the existing FMS case--i.e. whether existing scope of the FMS Letter of Authorization (LOA) is sufficient or an amendment is required

Dedicated Squadron Request Scenarios/Procedures

Typical requests addressed in this memo are those associated with Foreign Air Force "Dedicated Training Squadrons" desiring to participate in air-to-air or air-to-ground training or non-USAF exercises with other Foreign Air Forces. While other scenarios are possible, all related requests are staffed in accordance with the following general procedures:

a. Requests will be generated as a formal memo/Letter of Request (LOR) from either the appropriate foreign air force source (e.g. Air Attaché, senior foreign air force Dedicated Squadron representative), or USAF Dedicated Squadron Commander to the SAF/IA Country Director--goal is memo/LOR NLT 6 months prior to event

b. Requests will include “complete” information in the format outlined in the attachment to this memo

c. The applicable SAF/IA Country Director coordinates the request at a minimum with SAF/IAPX, SAF/IAPD, SAF/GCI, AF/SEI, AF/XOOT, AF/XOO-RA, AF/XOXX, and AFSAT

Note: It is the responsibility of a requesting USAF Dedicated Training Squadron Commander to coordinate requests with the MAJCOM and specific base level organizations impacted--providing coordination documentation/POCs

d. After proper coordination, the SAF/IA Country Director formally responds to the request--providing appropriate procedures/provisos surfaced during staffing if applicable

This policy does not preclude participation in a training planning meeting prior to approval of exercise participation request.

The bottom line goal of this policy memo is to ensure “Dedicated Squadron” requests are considered/supported within the proper context of USAF considerations/requirements. POC is Mr. Erich Eschenburg, DSN 425-8995, erich.eschenburg@pentagon.af.mil.

//Signed//

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Attachment:
Letter of Request Checklist

DISTRIBUTION:
See Attached List

DEDICATED SQUADRON REQUESTS FOR INTERNATIONAL FLYING TRAINING/EXERCISES

This information is required for the USAF to properly evaluate a Dedicated Training Squadron request to participate in flight training/exercise that involves a “third party” (i.e. other foreign participants).

Information Format:

1. **Date of Request**
2. **Requester Information** (Name, office, phone, fax, email)
3. **Flying Training/Exercise Purpose:**
 - Type exercise/training (e.g air-to-air/air-to-ground)
 - Exercise name (if applicable)
4. **Location**
 - USAF base/range (USAF Point of Contact information if known/applicable)
5. **Timing**
 - Specific dates/duration (alternate dates if applicable since USAF operations/priorities take precedence)
6. **Other Participants Desired**
 - Identify all other planned USAF/foreign deployed/dedicated squadrons in exercise
7. **Concept of Operations**
 - Type and number of aircraft deployed
 - Method of deployment
 - Number of pilots and aircrews
 - Number of sorties per day, hours per sortie
 - USAF operational control
8. **Munitions and other significant equipment**
 - Identify all foreign/USAF munitions, pods, laser designators and associated operating modes, ECM, Electronic Warfare training etc. involved
 - Identify combinations of aircraft type, munitions delivery tactics (release altitude, dive angle, airspeed), and type of targets desired

(Note: Information critical to USAF range approval--certification of munitions and lasers to be used must be verified/accomplished prior to use on a USAF range; approval may take up to 8 weeks. Allow an additional 6 months for development of weapon and laser safety footprints if they do not already exist for the aircraft/munition/tactics combinations requesting. Any and all costs for footprint development, targets, range residue removal or other range services provided will be borne by the foreign range user and provided to the operating unit.) All costs for footprint development, targets, range residue removal or other range services must be funded by the foreign range user via an FMS case.

9. **Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants (POL)**

- Credit card purchase or FMS.

(Note: A credit card may be used only if country has a reciprocal fuel support agreement with the US Government)

10. **Other Support Required** (specify in detail)

11. **Foreign Military Sales Case**

- Reference existing Letter of Offer and Acceptance (FMS case)--please identify

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