

**SHOPPING CARDS  
AND RATION CARDS FOR TOBACCO, COFFEE AND ALCOHOL  
ISSUED BY THE E-3A COMPONENT**

**1. Definitions.**

- a. **Shopping Card** issued to permanently stationed personnel and other eligible personnel upon request.
- b. **Ration Card:** E-3A F 13.4.
- c. **Temporary Shopping Permit:** a temporary shopping authorization issued to personnel in accordance with Annex D.
- d. **Dependents:** means the spouse of a member of a force or civilian component or a child of such member depending on him or her for support and such other persons who are recognised as dependents by agreement with Germany.

**2. Policies.**

- a. This Annex determines procedures for issuing Shopping Cards and/or Ration Cards for tobacco, coffee and alcohol by the E-3A Component.
- b. The procedures of this Annex are established to implement the restrictions of the host nation on the sale of high tax items to eligible personnel by rationing.
- c. It is prohibited to issue double or multiple rations for the same person. The E-3A Component does not issue rations to eligible persons in excess of rations for tobacco, coffee and alcohol obtained from other offices, e.g. their national authorities.

**3. Procedures.**

- a. **Eligibility For Shopping Cards Personnel permanently stationed or employed at the E-3A Component.**

(1) Upon in-processing Shopping Cards with privilege level **green** are issued to:

(a) E-3A Component and National Support Unit military personnel assigned to the MOB Geilenkirchen, unless they are DEU nationals.

(b) E-3A Component NATO International Civilian Personnel employed under the NATO Civilian Personnel Regulations, provided they are:

neither temporarily employed (under Chapter XVII NCPR),  
nor Consultants (under Chapter XVI NCPR),  
nor DEU nationals,  
nor ordinarily residents in DEU (for twelve months or more upon taking up employment as an International NATO Civilian).

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(c) Civilian Component of the National Support Units (other than the DEU NSU), who are:

neither DEU nationals,  
nor local wage rate personnel,  
nor ordinarily residents in DEU (for twelve months or more upon taking up employment as civilian component of the NSU).

Remark: Personnel referred to in (c) may include certain NATEX personnel, US Clinic, US school teachers, etc. (status to be verified by LAO.)

(d) Military and International Civilian NATO personnel (except for DEU nationals) administratively assigned to the E-3A Component by an instrument conferring legal status (e.g. MOUs signed by the E-3A Component relating to certain NATO personnel of ACCI, NAMSA, NAPMA, 1NSB, all stationed in DEU).

(e) Dependents of the personnel referred to in (a) to (d).

Remark: The status of the personnel referred to in (a) to (d) above also determines the status of their dependents, including dependents with DEU nationality.

(2) Upon in-processing Shopping Cards with privilege level **yellow** are issued to:

(a) DEU E-3A Component and DEU National Support Unit military personnel (except for DEU personnel at SanStaffel).

(b) E-3A Component NATO International Civilian Personnel employed under the NATO Civilian Personnel Regulations, who are DEU nationals, but are neither temporarily employed (under Chapter XVII NCPR), nor Consultants (under Chapter XVI NCPR).

(c) E-3A Component NATO International Civilian Personnel employed under the NATO Civilian Personnel Regulations, who were ordinarily residents in Germany for twelve months or more upon taking up employment as an International NATO Civilian, but are neither temporarily employed (under Chapter XVII NCPR), nor Consultants (under Chapter XVI NCPR).

(d) Civilian employees of the DEU National Support Unit assigned to the E-3A Component.

(e) Military and International Civilian NATO personnel with DEU nationality, who are administratively assigned to the E-3A Component by an instrument conferring legal status (e.g. certain NATO personnel of ACCI, NAMSA, NAPMA, 1NSB)

- (f) Dependents of the personnel referred to in (a) to (c).

Remark: The status of the personnel referred to in (a) to (e) above always determines the status of their dependents, who will never exceed privilege level yellow, regardless of their nationality

- (3) Upon in-processing Shopping Cards with privilege level **red** are issued to the following personnel working at MOB Geilenkirchen:

- (a) Local Wage Rate Personnel of the E-3A Component
- (b) Staff members of BWDIZ (StoV, Deutsche Truppenverwaltung)
- (c) Interns
- (d) Temporary NATO International Civilians
- (e) Consultants
- (f) Contractor Personnel
- (g) Local Wage Rate Personnel of the National Support Units
- (h) Local Wage Rate Personnel of NATEX
- (i) DEU personnel at SanStaffel

Remark: Dependents of the personnel referred to in (a) to (h) above are **not** eligible for any kind of Shopping Card.

**b. Eligibility For Shopping Cards Eligible persons not permanently stationed or employed at the E-3A Component.**

- (1) Upon application by an eligible person, Shopping Cards with privilege level **green** may be issued to:

(a) Military personnel and civilian component of the BEL, CAN, FRA, GBR and NLD forces stationed in DEU, or at any NATO International Military Headquarters located in DEU (except for DEU nationals), provided they present the documents specified in paragraph 3.d(1) or 3.e(1) of Annex D.

(b) Military personnel and civilian component of the USA Armed Forces stationed in Europe/North Africa (except retirees), provided they present the documents specified in paragraph 3.c(1) of Annex D

(c) Dependents of the persons referred to in (a) and (b) provided they present a valid:

- passport with a SOFA stamp or
- dependent ID card issued by the forces or NATO IMHQ, or
- other documentation establishing dependency.

- (2) Upon application by an eligible person, Shopping Cards with privilege level **yellow** may be issued to German military and civilian component, and their dependents, of NATO International Military Headquarters located in DEU, upon presentation of a valid NATO ID Card issued by their HQ.

**c. Eligibility for Ration Cards (E-3A F 13.4).\***

(1) Upon application by the eligible person, ration cards will be issued to holders of Shopping Cards with privilege levels green or yellow of:

(a) E-3A Component and National Support Unit Military Personnel, unless they are members of the BEL, CAN, FRA, GBR, NLD and USA Military Forces stationed in Germany, since they are eligible to receive a ration card from their national force.

(b) E-3A Component NATO International Civilian Personnel employed under the NATO Civilian Personnel Regulations, provided they are:

neither temporarily employed (under Chapter XVII NCPR),  
nor Consultants (under Chapter XVI NCPR),  
nor DEU nationals,  
nor ordinarily resident in DEU (for twelve months or more upon taking up employment as a NATO Civilian).

(c) Dependents of the personnel referred to in (a) and (b) above who hold Shopping Cards with privilege levels green.

(2) Rations for entitled personnel (per eligible individual holding a ration card):

(a) Tobacco Products (per week):

200 cigarettes, or  
250 gr. cigarette tobacco, or  
200 gr. pipe tobacco, or  
100 cigarillos, or  
25 cigars

(b) Coffee (per month):

2,5 kg. coffee and  
250 gr. coffee extracts.

(c) Liquor (per month):

6 litres of liquor (whiskey, gin and all other liquor with 38% Vol. pure alcohol or more).

**d. Application Procedure.**

For applications at the Tax Office (BPM) the following forms must be used:

- Shopping Cards: E-3A F 13.15, Application for Issue of a Shopping Card.

- Ration Cards: E-3A F 13.8.

Shopping Cards, Temporary Shopping Permits and Ration Cards will be issued against receipt. The Tax Office (BPM) registers Shopping Cards, Temporary Shopping Permits and Ration cards in a data base.

**e. Validity.**

(1) Shopping Cards will be valid for the duration of the identification upon which the issue of the Shopping Card is based (national military ID, NATO ID), but in the case of the eligible persons listed in Annex D 3.c.d. and e., not longer than three years. Eligible individuals applying for renewal of their Shopping Card must return to the Tax Office the expired card. To ensure adequate control, Shopping Cards of E-3A Component members (eligible under 3.a. (1) above) will bear the ID number of the holder's Component ID card, and Shopping Cards of other eligible persons (under 3.a.(2) above) will bear the type and number of the holder's national military ED or NATO ID.

(2) Ration cards issued under this Order will be for a period not exceeding one year and are only valid in connection with a Shopping Card with privilege level green or yellow. Eligible individuals applying for renewal of their Ration card must return to the Tax Office the expired card.

Ration Cards issued under this Order will bear a control number identical with the number of the Shopping Card of the Component Member of the individual entitled to use these Ration Cards.

(3) Temporary Shopping Permits and ration cards issued in accordance with Annex D are valid for one month or the duration of the TDY, whichever is less.

(4) Departing personnel must return to the Tax Office the Shopping and Ration Cards issued to them as well as those issued to their dependents. This requirement does not apply to temporary shopping permits or ration cards.

(5) Eligible persons must return to the Tax Office the Shopping and Ration Cards issued to their dependents immediately when such individuals no longer meet the definition of "dependent" in paragraph 1.

(6) All returned Shopping and Ration Cards will be cancelled and destroyed by BPM together with any documentation related to the relevant card holder.

**f. Loss/Destruction.**

(1) Any individual holding a Shopping Card, Ration Card or Temporary Shopping Permit must without delay inform the IMP and the TAX Office of the loss or destruction of such card or permit.

(2) Any such loss or destruction will be investigated by the Provost Marshal. Based on the Provost Marshal's report and, where required, in consultation with the Provost Marshal, the Chief Central Accounting may authorize the issuance of a new Shopping and/or Ration Card, or a new Temporary Shopping Permit to be issued not earlier than one month after the loss/destruction was reported. In order to prevent abuse of lost cards, LAO may advise BPB to withhold the issuance of a new card or permit for a period exceeding one month.

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(3) The TAX Office will inform the managers of the concessionaires of the necessary details of any Shopping Card, Ration Card or Temporary Shopping Permit reported lost or destroyed, in order to prevent misuse.

\* Yellow Ration Cards (E-3A F 13.7) issued under the previous Component Order 8.1-11 will continue to be valid until their expiry. Thereafter the eligible person will be issued a Blue Ration Card.

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SALES OF RATIONED/NON-RATIONED TAX-FREE ITEMS  
IN TAX-FREE STORES / CONCESSIONAIRES AT MOB GEILENKIRCHEN TO PERSONS  
ISSUED SHOPPING CARDS OR TEMPORARY SHOPPING PERMITS

1. Definitions.

- a. **Rationed Tax-free Items.** Tobacco products, coffee, liquor (whiskey, gin and all liquor with 38 percent pure alcohol or more), motor fuel.
- b. **Non-rationed Tax-free Items.** Any other item offered by a concessionaire offering tax-free goods at the MOB.

2. Policies.

- a. Concessionaires and any activity with a commercial impact (profit, non-profit, charity), regardless whether undertaken by a third party or a National Support Unit, on the premises of Geilenkirchen Air Base require the express approval of the Component Commander or the Deputy Component Commander.
- b. This Annex establishes the procedures governing the sale of rationed and non-rationed tax-free items by the Concessionaires offering tax-free goods on the MOB Geilenkirchen (this includes all NATEX facilities). It determines eligibility, level of privileges and required documentation for tax-free shopping outlets at the MOB. The procedures of this Annex implement the treaties and agreements with the host nation on the sale of rationed and non-rationed tax-free items.
- c. On MOB Geilenkirchen it is prohibited to sell tax-free tobacco products or other rationed items to persons not eligible for rations or by circumventing the ration card system. Except for alcohol and coffee offered ready to drink by the MWA food services, the sale of tax-free rationed items requires invalidation of (i.e., crossing off) the relevant portion on the buyer's ration card.
- d. On MOB Geilenkirchen gambling and the operation of gambling devices is prohibited.
- e. In any case, eligible persons may purchase tax-free items offered by NATEX or other Concessionaires only in quantities for personal use and consumption.

**Remark:** If an eligible person is in possession of non-rationed tax-free alcoholic beverages, other than beer or wine, in larger quantities than authorized for rationed alcoholic beverages, customs authorities may wish to investigate to determine whether these beverages exceed quantities typically purchased for personal use and consumption.

3. Procedures for Exercise of Privileges in Tax-Free Stores at the MOB.

- a. **Personnel permanently stationed or employed at the MOB,** and determined to be eligible for duty-free shopping, will be issued one of three categories of "Shopping Card" (green, yellow, red). The level of shopping privileges will be as follows for each of the three categories:

- (1) Persons presenting a valid Shopping Card with privilege level **green** are eligible for purchasing non-rationed tax-free items. They are permitted to purchase rationed items only with a valid ration card issued by the E-3A Component, their national force or another NATO Headquarters.
- (2) Persons presenting a valid Shopping Card with privilege level **yellow** are eligible for purchasing non-rationed tax-free items up to a value of 75 Euros per item. They are permitted to purchase rationed items only with a valid ration card issued by the E-3A Component, their national force or another NATO Headquarters.
- (3) Persons presenting a valid Shopping Card with privilege level **red** are eligible for purchasing tax-free groceries only up to 20 € total sales volume. They are neither permitted to purchase rationed tax-free items nor any type of alcohol.

**b. Eligibility for Temporary Shopping Permits. Personnel on temporary duty orders to the MOB or other locations in Germany:**

- (1) Military personnel and civilian employees of the military forces of NATO member States\* (except for DEU nationals stationed in Germany) may purchase non-rationed duty free items after verification of their temporary duty orders and a military or other photo identity card.
- (2) Military personnel and NATO International Civilian Employees (except DEU nationals stationed in Germany) attached to NATO international military headquarters (e.g., SHAPE, HQ JFCBS, etc), may purchase non-rationed duty-free items after verification of their temporary duty orders and a military or other photo identity card.
- (3) For both categories (1) and (2), above, rationed items may be purchased up to the limits specified on their ration card issued by their national force or NATO international military headquarters. For those eligible persons of category (1) above who are on temporary duty orders directly from their Sending State and therefore do not hold a ration card of their national force (for example personnel of the FOBs/FOL or of the Air National Guard on temporary duty to the MOB), rationed items may be purchased up to the limits specified on the temporary shopping permit issued in accordance with paragraphs f. g. and h. below.
- (4) Military personnel of DEU forces stationed in Germany after verification of a valid DEU military ID card and temporary duty order to MOB Geilenkirchen, may purchase up to 20 Euros worth of tax-free groceries, excluding (rationed and unrationed) alcohol or any other rationed items.

**c. Eligibility for Temporary Shopping Permits: Active-duty USA military personnel, civilian component, and their accompanying dependents stationed anywhere in Europe (outside Germany) or North Africa, on leave or liberty:**

- (1) Such persons are eligible to purchase non-rationed duty-free items after verification of their U.S. identity card and any official document identifying their duty station/place of duty, such as a copy of their permanent change of station orders, base pass, ration card, etc.



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- (2) Such persons are also eligible to purchase rationed items with a valid ration card issued by the USA or by any NATO military headquarters to which they are attached.

**d. Eligibility for Temporary Shopping Permits: Military personnel and members of the civilian component assigned to a NATO International Military Headquarters in Germany, and their dependents:**

- (1) Such persons (except DEU nationals) are eligible to purchase non-rationed duty-free items after verification of their military or civilian identity card, and any official document identifying their duty station/place of duty, such as a copy of their permanent change of station orders, base pass, ration card; etc.
- (2) Such persons with DEU nationality are eligible to purchase non-rationed duty-free items up to a value of 75 EUR per item after verification of their valid NATO ID Card issued by their HQ.
- (3) Such persons may also purchase rationed items with a valid ration card issued by their national force or any NATO military headquarters to which they are attached.

**e. Eligibility for Temporary Shopping Permits: Military personnel and members of the civilian component of the forces of Belgium, Canada, France, The Netherlands, UK, and USA stationed in Germany, and their dependents:**

- (1) Such persons are eligible to purchase non-rationed duty-free items after verification of their military or civilian identity card, and any official document identifying their duty station/place of duty, such as a copy of their permanent change of station orders, base pass, ration card; etc.
- (2) Such persons may also purchase rationed items with a valid ration card issued by their national force.

**f. Temporary Authorization to Purchase Rationed Items Issued with Temporary Shopping Permit.** A temporary authorization to purchase rationed items issued with a Temporary Shopping Permit in accordance with paragraph g., below, will be valid for a period not to exceed one month, or period of temporary duty, whichever is less. Rations for a particular month (or week for tobacco rations) may be purchased only during that month (or that week for tobacco rations). Expired rations will be cancelled by the Concessionaire, whenever the temporary ration authorization is presented for a purchase.

**g. Customer Service Desk.** Any sales outlet on MOB Geilenkirchen selling tax-free items will be obliged to verify entitlements based on the documents specified in this Annex. These documents (listed in b. through e. above), when presented at a designated customer service desk within the vicinity of the shopping facilities, will be sufficient to gain entrance and make purchases. For persons not holding a Shopping Card, a Temporary Shopping Permit, such as a stamp or similar on-the-spot certification, will be issued to the customer confirming that they hold the required documents as specified in this Annex, and providing a temporary ration authorization if appropriate. The customer service desk will be operating throughout the period the shopping facilities are open, to include any special shopping events such as NATEX tent sales, to ensure that all entitled customers are granted access to duty-free shopping facilities at MOB Geilenkirchen.

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h. Upon issuance of temporary shopping permits, the following rations are authorized for personnel under b.(1) who are on temporary duty orders directly from their home nation and therefore do not hold ration cards issued by their force or NATO IMHQ, but who would otherwise be entitled to purchase rationed goods in Germany:

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| (a) | 1 - 7 days   | one weekly tobacco ration and 1.5 litres of liquor    |
| (b) | 8 - 15 days  | two weekly tobacco rations and 3 litres of liquor     |
| (c) | 16 - 23 days | three weekly tobacco rations and 4.5 litres of liquor |
| (d) | 24 - 31 days | four weekly tobacco rations and 6 litres of liquor    |

(Liquor means whiskey, gin and all other liquor with 38% Vol. pure alcohol or more.)

i. **Application for Shopping Cards.** Individuals in categories (b) through (e), above, who anticipate patronizing the MOB shopping facilities on a recurring basis, may apply for a Shopping Card in accordance with Annex C 3.b at the customer service desk or at BPM.

\* At the date of issue of this Order: Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Rep., Denmark, Estonia, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, UK, USA.

## TAX-FREE FUEL

## 1. Definitions.

- a. **POMV.** Privately Owned Motor Vehicle, e.g. limousines, station wagons, vans, mini buses, campers, SUVs, jeeps, vintage cars.
- b. **Motorbikes.** Privately owned motorbikes, scooters, powered bicycles and vehicles other than the categories listed under POMV and for which a license plate is required, e.g. trikes, dune buggies, all terrain vehicles (ATV).

## 2. Policies.

- a. This Annex sets out the procedures for the issuance of either cardboard or electronic Fuel Ration Cards by the E-3A Component and the issuance of fuel at the NATEX or outside gas stations, as appropriate, for POMVs and Motorbikes of eligible individuals.
- b. The procedures contained in this Annex implement the restrictions of the host nation relevant to motor fuel rationing.
- c. It is prohibited to issue double or multiple rations for the same person and/or vehicle. The E-3A Component does not issue ration cards to eligible persons, who obtain ration cards for motor fuel from other offices, e.g. their national authorities.
- d. The fuel rations can only be used for the POMV or motorbike stated on the Fuel Ration Card and during the month for which they are issued.
- e. BPB will issue standard operating procedures governing the terms of use of electronic Fuel Ration Cards, when such a system is introduced.

## 3. Procedures.

- a. **Eligible Personnel.** The issuance of Component Fuel Ration Cards as outlined in this Annex is available to the following personnel, provided they have eligible vehicles:

- (1) **Military Personnel** assigned to the E-3A Component and National Support Units at the MOB Geilenkirchen, **except** for members of the BEL, CAN, DEU, FRA, GBR, USA forces.

- (2) **NLD Military Personnel** assigned to the E-3A Component and National Support Units at the MOB Geilenkirchen subject to the limitations of 3.e.(3) below.

- (3) **E-3A Component NATO International Civilian Personnel** employed by the E-3A Component under the NATO Civilian Personnel Regulations, provided they are:

- neither temporarily employed (under Chapter XVII NCPR),
    - nor Consultants (under Chapter XVI NCPR),
    - nor German nationals,

nor ordinarily resident in Germany (for twelve months or more upon taking up employment as a NATO Civilian).

**b. Eligible Vehicles.**

(1) The service is available only to eligible military and civilian personnel serving with the E-3A Component for

- vehicles owned and exclusively used by them and their dependents (living in DEU) and bearing a non-military license plate;

- vehicles registered by a military authority (with military license plates) owned by eligible NLD military personnel assigned to the E-3A Component (subject to the limitations of 3.e.(3);

- vehicles owned and exclusively used by the eligible military and civilian Component personnel and their dependents bearing a non-military license plate of their respective nation, other than DEU, NLD, BEL non-military license plates are eligible for fuel rations for a maximum period of six months upon introducing the vehicle to Germany;

- vehicles owned and exclusively used by the eligible military and civilian Component personnel bearing a non-military NLD or BEL license plate and residing in NLD or BEL respectively ("border-crossers").

(2) Eligible Personnel under a. above may elect to register their vehicles under the USAREUR licensing system of the USA. Vehicles registered under the USAREUR system are only eligible for fuel rations under the USAREUR/ESSO-card system, but not under this Component program.

**c. Rental Cars.** In case of a vehicle eligible in accordance with b. above being laid up for a period not exceeding 30 days, a Fuel Ration Card for the rental period up to 30 days may be issued to a vehicle rented as a replacement by a person eligible under a. above.

**d. Personnel on Official Temporary Duty at MOB Geilenkirchen.** Holders of NATO ID cards or national military ID cards of a NATO member State on TDY to MOB Geilenkirchen are eligible for a Fuel Ration Card for the period of their TDY provided their TDY at the E-3A Component is 30 days or more **except** for DEU nationals. The fuel ration is limited to one Privately Owned Motor Vehicle (POMV) owned and exclusively used by them and bearing the national license plate of the individual or, alternatively, to one rental vehicle.

**e. Fuel Ration Limitations.** The number of Fuel Ration Cards is limited to the maximum number of eligible vehicle and the maximum number of litres per month.

(1) **Maximum Number of Vehicles.**

(a) For eligible E-3A Component personnel with dependents (as recognized on their marching orders or as recognized for NATO International Civilians by A1CN and indicated by a Shopping Card with privilege level green of the dependents).

- up to 3 Private Owned Motor Vehicles (POMVs) and
- up to 2 recreational vehicles.

This maximum number relates to the entire family and requires that dependents live in the household of the eligible Component member. Vehicles for dependents are included in this maximum number. The same maximum number per family applies, if more than one family member is on active duty with the E-3A Component.

- (b) For single Component personnel.
  - up to 2 POMVs and
  - up to 1 recreational vehicle.

(2) **Monthly Ration per Eligible Vehicle.**

(a)	Motorbikes	80 Litres
(b)	Vehicles with less than 44 kw	200 Litres
(c)	Vehicles with 44 kw or more	400 Litres

(3) **Other Limitations.** NLD military personnel assigned to the E-3A Component will have their national fuel ration deducted from the fuel ration issued by the E-3A Component. Any quantity of rationed motor fuel for which a national fuel ration card has been or will be issued, will be voided on the Component fuel ration card(s) for the period of validity of the national ration.

**f. Issuance of Tax-Free Fuel at NATEX Gas Station**

(1) With cardboard Fuel Ration Cards issued under this Annex tax-free fuel may be bought only at the NATEX Gas Station on the MOB. The fuel rations can only be used for the POMV or motorbike stated on the Fuel Ration Card and during the month for which they are issued.

(2) The NATEX gas station may accept similar fuel ration cards issued for use in Germany by the forces permanently stationed in Germany (BEL, CAN, FRA, GBR, NLD, USA).

(3) Filling of fuel cans is not allowed.

Note: Arrangements between NATEX and the CAN forces for the tax-free refuelling of CAN government vehicles at the NATEX gas station remain unaffected by this Order.

**g. Application Procedure.** Eligible personnel (as defined in 4.a. above) may apply to the TAX Office for (a) ration card(s) on E-3A F 13.8, Application for Ration Card. With their application, they must submit:

- (1) Their Component ID Card and Shopping Card with privilege level green.
- (2) In case the maximum number of vehicles exceeds the number for single Component members (see 3.e. (1)(a) above):

- At least one additional Component ID Card and Shopping Card with privilege level green of a dependent **and** a valid drivers license of that dependent.

(3) In case of NATO Civilians:

- A1CP confirmation on eligibility on F 13.8.

(4) The Vehicle Registration(s) – registered for the applicant or the dependent, who's Component ID Card, Shopping Card with privilege level green and drivers' license is presented.

(5) To avoid exceeding the maximum number of eligible vehicles, Component members have to certify in writing (upon every application for a fuel ration card) the number of vehicles with fuel privileges under the USAREUR system. BPM will verify correctness of statements with USAREUR, from time to time. The Tax Office registers Fuel Ration cards in a data base. The submission of false information will lead to immediate withdrawal from the Fuel programme under this annex.

**h. Validity.**

(1) Every Fuel Ration Card for use at the NATEX, issued by the TAX Office will bear a validity date. That date will not be beyond one year starting with the month of issuance. In order to ensure adequate control, any Fuel Ration Card issued by the E-3A Component will bear a control number identical with the number of the Component ID card of the Component Member.

(2) Electronic fuel ration cards for use of outside gas stations will be electronically administered and bear the names of eligible users, as well as, the vehicle licence plate.

(3) Any Fuel Ration Card will lose its validity when the vehicle for which it was issued, will be passed to another owner, or when the owner will substitute another vehicle for the one for which the Card was issued. In such cases, the Fuel Ration Card must be handed in to the TAX Office for cancellation. The TAX Office will not issue a new Fuel Ration Card before the old ration card has been handed in and cancelled.

(4) Individuals departing from the E-3A Component must hand in to the TAX Office their Fuel Ration Cards for cancellation.

**i. Misuse/Loss/Destruction of Fuel Ration Cards.**

(1) Fuel Ration Cards must under no circumstances be transferred to any person other than the one to whom they were rightfully issued or sold. Tax free fuel is under no circumstance to be used for any other vehicle than the one indicated on the fuel ration card. Violation of this rule, as well as the use of a Fuel Ration Card unlawfully transferred, will be excluded from this service. Individuals violating this rule may also be subject to disciplinary action and are personally liable for paying the relevant taxes to the national authorities.

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- (2) Any loss of a Fuel Ration Card must be reported to the TAX Office and the International Military Police (IMP) without undue delay. The Provost Marshal will conduct an investigation and submit a report to LAO.
- (3) The Head, Services Branch will authorize the replacement of a lost Fuel Ration Card when the possibility of any misuse can be excluded with reasonable certainty.
- (4) Fuel Ration Cards partially destroyed but sufficiently identifiable will be replaced by the TAX Office on presentation.

