

Fact Sheet

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Force protection: Vehicle decals

U.S. Army Europe anti-terrorism officials remind U.S. personnel stationed in Europe to avoid being targeted by terrorist or criminal forces by blending in and not standing out from the crowd. One way to do that is to remove decals and stickers that identify a privately owned vehicle as belonging to an American.

Army in Europe Regulation 190-1 states that installation and Department of Defense decals not issued in Europe, such as installation access stickers issued at bases in the U.S., must be removed from vehicles before they are registered in Europe. Displaying decals, stickers or banners on U.S. forces-registered vehicles other than those authorized may result in cancellation of a vehicle's registration, failure of the mechanical inspection, or both.

The only authorized emblems eligible to display on U.S. forces vehicles are:

- Installation verification decals issued to employees of non-DoD agencies who work on or have routine access to U.S. military installations
- German environmental emissions control decals
- Handicap parking permits
- European highway vignettes indicating that highway fees have been paid
- Expiration decals issued with initial and renewal registrations
- An oval international "USA" decal purchased by the owner is required if the vehicle crosses international borders using U.S. Forces "non European-style" license plates

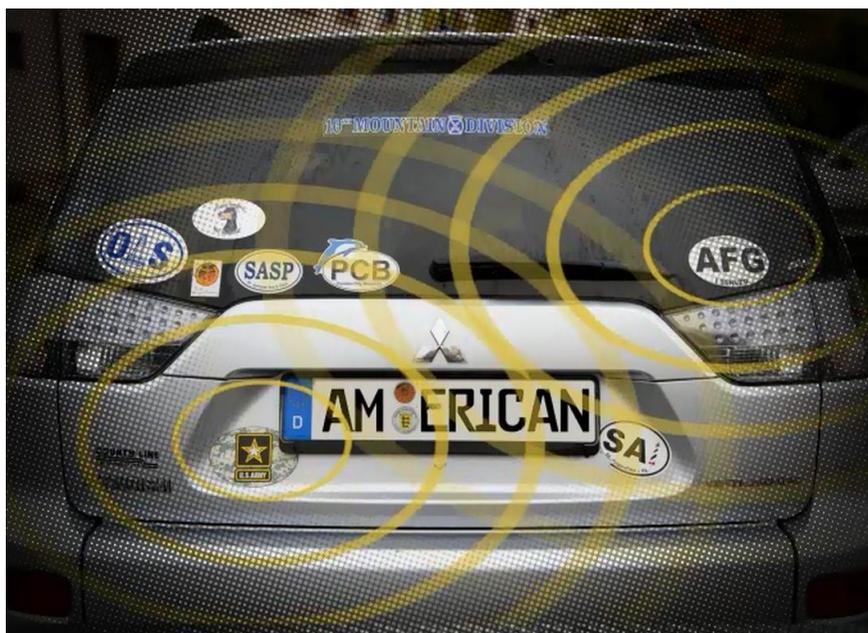


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More information on registration and driving requirements for U.S. forces personnel in Europe can be found at <https://aepubs.army.mil/pdfpubs/AER190-1.pdf>.