

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Abandoned Vehicle Cost Recovery

1. **PURPOSE.** To inform commands about the process to charge soldiers for improperly disposing abandoned vehicles.
2. **BOTTOM LINE.** Costs for disposing abandoned vehicles may be recovered.
3. **DISCUSSION.**
 - a. If a soldier does not properly dispose his/her vehicle, causing the Government to pay for the proper disposal, the Government may collect the unpaid fees from the soldier's pay without his or her consent.
 - b. In order to collect pay from the soldier without consent, the soldier must have abandoned or improperly disposed his/her registered vehicle with the Government using Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) or Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) facilities to tow and dispose of the vehicle.
 - c. USAREUR Regulation (UR) 190-1 defines abandoned vehicles as "Vehicles that have been stationary for an extended period and vehicles missing license plates or other evidence of ownership are vehicles that will become officially 'abandoned vehicles'."
 - d. If circumstances indicate a vehicle has been abandoned, the community will attach DD Form 2504, Abandoned Vehicle Notice, to the POV. After 24 hours, the community must move the vehicle to the community holding lot using NAF or MWR facilities.
 - e. If the soldier (owner) is identified, the NAF or MWR facility must try all means of direct collection, and a request must be sent to the members commander for assistance in obtaining direct payment. Only after the NAF or MWR facility has made a reasonable effort to collect from the soldier without success may the Government collect from the current pay. To collect from the soldier's pay, the NAF or MWR facility should submit a DD Form 139, Pay Adjustment Authorization, to the servicing finance office with all supporting documents attached. Otherwise, costs of disposal are charged to operating funds of the unit to which the soldier is/was assigned.
 - f. If the owner is not identified, vehicles may be released to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Region-Europe (DRMR-E) for disposal through onsite sales after 45 days in the community holding lot. Vehicles that cannot be disposed of through onsite sales will have costs charged to ASG base operations supply accounts.

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