

## Who Can Receive A Ration Control Card (RCC)

Category	Mode of Access
US Active Duty Military	CAC ID
Active Duty Family Members while military sponsor is present in the territory of the ROK or assigned to the ROK	Dependent ID & RCC
Active Reservists stationed in the ROK with a CAC	CAC ID
Third Country forces assigned to the ROK to a UN Command and their family members	Base Pass & RCC
DOD Civilians stationed in the ROK and their family members	CAC ID or Dependent ID & RCC
DOD Invited Contractors stationed in the ROK and their family members if authorized on USFK 700-19	CAC ID or Dependent ID & RCC
US Citizen employees of the US government in official capacity while in the ROK (Exam. Embassy)	Base Pass & RCC
TDY Military, Civilian, Contractors	Government Issued Travel Orders & CAC ID
Retired US military (Reserve or Active) drawing full retirement pay and benefits (Retiree ID)	Retiree ID & RCC
Un-remarried Widows/Widower of deceased US Military	Dependent ID & RCC
Pending divorce Spouses until Divorces are finalized	Dependent ID & RCC

## Lost or Stolen Cards

Please report lost or stolen Ration Cards to your unit commander, First Sergeant, Retiree Office, or Civilian Personnel Office as appropriate. You will need to submit a letter thru your chain of command in order to receive a replacement ration card. Retirees can submit directly to Pass & Registration.

## Commissary Limits

Monthly allowances based on family size:  
**Individual: \$800.00**  
**Plus \$300.00 for each additional family member**

## Alcohol Limits

**Wine is not counted against the liquor limits as long as its under 20% alcohol by volume.**

### Beer:

1 case = 24pk of 12oz bottle or can  
 ½ case = 12pk of 12oz bottle or can  
 ¼ case = 6pk of 12oz bottle or can  
 3.5 case = ½ barrel or ½ keg

**Individual: Not to exceed 6 cases**  
**Plus 2 cases for each family member age 21 or older**

### Hard liquor:

1 Unit = 0.75-1.0 Liter Bottle  
 2 Units = 1.75 Liter Bottle  
 4 Units = 1 Gallon  
 1 Unit = 12 miniatures

**Individual not to exceed 3 units**  
**Plus 2 units for each family member age 21 or older**

## Applying for a Ration Card

When you register in the DBIDS, you are also registered in the Personnel Information Management System Korea (PIMSK), USFK's ration control system.

USFK will require all military, civilian or contractor personnel including children under 10 years of age, be registered in the DBIDS because DBIDS registration will constitute registration for ration control.

The RCC can normally be picked up the next day, but **ONLY** by the sponsor.



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## RATION CONTROL

The Status of Forces Agreement between the United States and Republic of Korea requires reasonable and practical efforts to control access of unqualified persons to duty free goods. It also helps prevent abuse of duty free privileges.

In an effort to ensure availability of goods and to combat potential black marketing, U.S. Forces Korea established a rations control program which closely monitors the purchase of beer, liquor, groceries and other goods purchased on base.

For further information please review USFK Regulations 60-1, 643-2, and 700-19.

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Category	Ration Privileges in Korea
Dependent of Active Duty Military or US Civilian employee visiting Korea for vacation but not stationed here	NO
Reservists not assigned to Korea	NO*
Children of Un-remarried Widows/Widower of deceased US Military	NO
Children of divorced parents,	NO
Un-accompanied family members of any category residing or visiting the ROK	NO
Retired US Military not drawing full retirement pay or benefits (Pink Retiree ID) and their family members	NO
20-20-20 spouse	NO
Reservist visiting Korea	NO
KGS Employees	NO (Except unit cards)

## Violations

Each installation issuing agent IA office conducts reviews of monthly reports consisting of a list of names for ration violators or people suspected of making purchases in excessive of personal needs, which are then referred to unit commanders and first sergeants.

Civilians or retirees who exceed the ration limit may face administrative actions or loss of shopping privileges, while military members are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

## Gifts to Family & Friends

Transfer of duty free goods from SOFA member to non-SOFA members is governed by USFK Regulation 643-2 and other regulations. They list which items are prohibited from transfer:

- Anything purchased in Commissary
- Subsistence items or alcoholic beverages purchased from Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF) outlets, such as the Exchange, Shoppette, or Clubs
- Tobacco Products or Firearms
- Clothes, electronics, household goods, or other duty-free items purchased in the Exchange or Commissary

The guidelines state that you must not sell sets of items as individual pieces; this is not a way to circumvent controls.

Bulk or unprepared food purchased onbase can be consumed by family or friends at your home under normal social activities. You can also serve duty-free alcohol as drinks. But the rules would prohibit you from buying a lot of food at the Commissary and "donating" it at an offbase activity, such as a church or school, even if you are preparing it yourself.

You can give duty-free goods to domestic/personal employees to maintain appearance or cleanliness in performance of their duties, such as housekeepers.

You can give gifts of clothing, prepared food or beverage, or other relief items to individuals or institutions (i.e. orphanage) cared for by service, charitable or relief organizations.

Gifts of duty-free alcohol are normally given on Korean holidays and are limited to one bottle per year per recipient per donor. Therefore, if a USFK member presents a bottle of alcohol to a ROK counterpart on Lunar New Year, that USFK member may not give that ROK counterpart a gift of alcohol for Chuseok or another occasion in the same calendar year. The value of each gift of alcohol will not exceed \$50.

## Excess Purchasing

The duty-free guidelines under the SOFA are intended to provide US personnel with products they are accustomed to purchasing in the States without having to pay any Korean-tariffs. These products are not intended to be transferred to anyone not authorized to receive the duty-free items directly. While a family may keep their total spending within the Commissary \$ or the alcohol limits, purchasing too many of the same item can cause problems.

Individual purchases are tracked by USFK to ensure that someone is not purchasing more of any particular item than they realistically need. Typical items that are routinely purchased in "excessive" quantities include, but not limited to:

Centrum – all types	Corn Beef
Vitamins	Spam
Aspirin	Cheese
Candy	Honey
Toothpaste	Beef
Perfume	Rice
Shampoo	Hot dogs

Purchasing any of these items, or most any product in the Commissary or Exchange, in relatively high numbers will cause authorities to take notice of your spending habits. Either large 1-time quantity purchases or purchasing the same items many times over the month will flag your ration control account. When determining "excess purchases", the shopping data across all categories and over periods of time are examined. A purchase of an additional model of an item will not trigger any flags.

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An excessive purchase of duty-free goods takes place when an otherwise authorized individual purchases duty-free goods in excess of his or her personal needs.

All personnel will restrict purchases to those required for personal needs, needs of authorized family members, and bona fide gifts IAW USFK Regulation 643-2 (Transfer of Duty-Free Items).

## Check Your Account

Check your ration limits @ <https://pimsk.korea.army.mil/> **Note: Can use only .mil computers**