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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES 301

KAF PHOTOGRAPHY REGULATIONS

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APPLICABILITY

1. These instructions and procedures are applicable to all personnel at Kandahar Airfield (KAF).

PURPOSE

2. The purpose of these instructions is to detail KAF flight line and operational photography regulations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

3. Responsibilities are as follows:

a. All military and civilian personnel operating at KAF are to be familiar with these instructions and procedures. KAF stakeholder nations, tenants, and contractors are responsible for all visitors while at KAF and are to ensure they are made aware of these instructions at the earliest convenience.

b. Failure to adhere to these instructions may result in photo equipment confiscation, deletion of unauthorized photography and formal warning to national authorities, and may result in national disciplinary action being taken.

NON SENSITIVE INFORMATION RELEASABLE TO THE PUBLIC

PROCEDURES

4. General Airfield Photography. For security reasons, the taking of photographs along the Kandahar Airfield flight line is prohibited, unless a proper permit is obtained. This includes all runways, taxiways, ramps, aprons, or aircraft manoeuvring surfaces. If an operational need is identified, a request should be directed to the Base Operations Centre (BOC). Personnel must be in possession of a Restricted Area Access Pass or accompanied by an escort if flight line access is required. A signed copy of Annex A – Application for Flight Line Photography Permit may be obtained from the BOC permitting photographs to be taken. The photographer must also be in possession of the Photography Permit KAF/Flight Line as per Annex B. The permit contains the name of the individual, their sponsor (e.g. unit), the dates permitted as well as the name of the Duty Ops Officer and date the permit was issued.

5. Categories of KAF Flightline Photography Permits

a. Limited Photography Permit – Flying units deployed to KAF will be allotted three limited photography permits, permits may only be transferred due to redeployment. Permit holders will be identified and sponsored by an OF-4 or equivalent using the form listed in ANNEX A.

(1). Limited Photography Permits are only valid for the aircraft assigned to the permit holder's unit. Photography of other aircraft at KAF requires written approval from other units. Proof of permission must be presented if requested by flightline personnel or flightline security.

(2). Non-flying units will follow the same permit issuing guidance. Non-flying unit photography privileges will only cover the operations of their assigned personnel. Photography of aircraft is permissible only if non-flying unit personnel are performing official duties to support air operations.

(3). Limited Photography Permits do not authorize photography of detainee operations, classified aircraft or other events designated off-limits by COMKAF.

(4). Unauthorized photography of other aircraft deployed to KAF will constitute a flightline photography violation and administrative or disciplinary action will be taken.

b. Base Operations Photography Permit – Base Operations Center representatives or authorized delegates conducting safety or airfield documentation will be granted expanded access only in the performance of their official duties

(1). Photo permission from flying units is not required for Base Operations Photography Permit holders.

(2). Photos taken by Base Operations Center representatives or delegates will be for official use only and not released to the public.

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(3). Base Operations Photography Permits do not authorize photography of detainee operations, classified aircraft or other events designated off-limits by COMKAF.

(4). Abuse/Misuse of Base Operations Photography Permits will constitute a Flightline photography violation and administrative action will be taken.

c. Public Affairs Photography Permit

(1). Public Affairs (PA) personnel will be granted expanded access only in the performance of their official duties.

(2). PA Permits will only be issued to genuine PA personnel assigned to their units as PA or Combat Camera designees. Augmentees or assistants do not qualify for a PA Photo permit.

(3). PA photo permit holders require written approval from coalition unit leadership to photograph coalition aircraft.

(4). PA Photo Permits do not authorize photography of detainee operations, classified aircraft or other events designated off-limits by COMKAF.

(5). Abuse/Misuse of PA photo access will constitute a Flightline photography violation and administrative action or disciplinary action will be taken.

6. Camp Area. The taking of photographs is permitted within the general camp area. Photographs of individuals are permitted only with that individual's prior approval. Unless stipulated in Annex A, photographs of any operational vehicles, equipment (including antennae or satellite dishes), or facilities of a sensitive nature are strictly forbidden.

7. Juliet ramp. Juliet Ramp is owned and operated by the Afghan Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation. Photography on or of Juliet Ramp is strictly prohibited. Refer to SOP 365 for access to Juliet Ramp.

8. Repatriation Ceremonies. Refer to SOP 312 which regulates photography of Repatriation Ceremonies.

9. Disciplinary Action. The following guidelines outline the *minimum administrative* action for Flightline photo violations. These in no way preclude further administrative actions or appropriate disciplinary action from being taken, when appropriate:

a. First offence: If a photo permit holder is found to have abused or misused his/her permit, the official sponsor and offender will be notified and explain the infraction. The photo permit may be revoked at the discretion of the issuing or higher authority. Any and all photographs, film, etc. taken are subject to immediate seizure.

b. Second offence: Upon a second offence, the photo permit will be revoked from the permit holder. Additionally, when the permit is revoked, the unit will lose the photo permit allocation. Any and all photographs, film, etc. taken are subject to immediate seizure.

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c. These guidelines serve as the minimum for administrative actions. Depending on the circumstances of the incident, COMKAF staff may implement more stringent measures, including but not limited to debarment of civilian personnel and demobilization of contractors. Military units may take appropriate disciplinary actions against military personnel and civilian employees of the military. Debarment action may instituted against.

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Deputy Commander, Kandahar Airfield (COMKAF)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fabrice Beaugrand', written in a cursive style.

Annex A – Application For A Flight Line Limited Photography Permit
Annex B – Application For A Flight Line Public Affairs/Base Operations Photography Permit
Annex C – Photography Permit KAF / Flight Line

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* Use of block letters is mandatory

ANNEX A TO
SOP 301
DATED: 1 Jul 12

APPLICATION FOR A FLIGHT LINE LIMITED PHOTOGRAPHY PERMIT

1. This is to certify that _____ has an operational need and is requesting authorisation for flight line photography for the purpose of taking photographic imagery of the following unit:

The photo permit grants access only to photograph personnel & assets of the unit listed
Photography of other units requires written approval from the respective command staff

2. The above named individual acknowledges that this temporary flight line photography permit is granted only for the purpose stated above and that **taking photographs for personal use or unauthorized distribution is a disciplinary offence***. No more 3 permits will be issued per unit. **Failure to comply with this instruction may result in an official investigation by Flight Line Security staff, as well as appropriate administrative and/or disciplinary action.*

Name of Unit :

Office Tel No:

Mobile Tel No:

Name of CO (OF-4 or Equivalent):

Signature:

I confirm I am in possession of a valid KAF Restricted Area Badge: Yes ___ No ___

I request that the permit is valid from _____ to _____

Signature of Applicant:

I understand that this permit is to be returned to the Base Operations Centre on my departure from Kandahar or when no longer required.

AUTHORISATION: (BOC DIR / SNR OPS O / BOC MWO):

This application is Approved / Denied * **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

RESTRICTIONS: _____

COLLECTION SIGNATURE:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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ANNEX C TO
SOP 301
DATED: 1 Jul 12

LIMITED/BASE OPS/PA

**PHOTOGRAPHY PERMIT
KAF / FLIGHT LINE**

This is to certify that

Applicant

is hereby granted authorization for
(UNESCORTED/ESCORTED ONLY *)

Flight Line Photography
For the period

dd-mmm-yy to dd-mmm-yy



Base Operations
Centre
NCN 685-1309
DSN 841-1010

Authorizing Officer
Duty Ops Officer
Base Operations Centre
Kandahar Air Field

Date:

Sponsor:

Contact:

BOC STAMP / SIGNATURE (SOI&P 361)