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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
REGION IV  
APO 334

22 September 1944

MEMORANDUM NO. 1 ON THE ISSUE OF MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS  
IN REGION IV.

1. Owing, chiefly, to the fact that centre of government is situated in the Region but does not come under the control of a Provincial Commissioner, and also to the fact that General Order No. 20 was not published in Rome City, it is necessary to make certain modifications to the existing Motor Vehicle Permits and Petroleum Products generally and to introduce a uniform system throughout the Region.

This memorandum is based on Executive Memorandum Number 51 (shortly to be revised) and PCJ Instructions 1, 2 and 3.

## 2. MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS AND PETROLEUM COUPON CARDS.

1. The basis of the whole system is the application form (ACC PET 1). This form will be completed for all civilian motor vehicles which it is desired to create for any reason whatever. Vehicles registered under an Italian Red Cross number plate and vehicles requisitioned by the Military or by ACC/LMG do not come under the heading of civilian vehicles. Notes on the use of ACC PET 1 are given in Appendix A.

2. Except in those cases listed in Appendix B, it is always wrong to issue a Motor Vehicle Permit without a Petroleum Coupon Card. This practice which has been followed from time to time in the past only serves to create a black market in Petroleum - the only source of black market supplies in military or CIP stocks.

## 3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECOMMENDING THE GRANTING OF PERMITS.

1. The recommendation for the granting of a permit is made on the first paragraph on the back of ACC PET 1.

2. In Rome this responsibility lies with the Sub-Commission, Section or (in some cases) Italian body who is concerned with the operation of that vehicle. For instance, if an applicant requires his car for his Insurance business it is a matter for finance, for the supervision or running of an Estate - Agriculture, for professional services as a Doctor - Public Health, and so on. It is impossible to give a complete list but experience will show under which heading any doubtful cases should come. It is not unfair to say that if no Sub-Commission or Section is sufficiently interested to recommend

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3. As to whether the recommendation should come from the ACC (Sub-Commission) or Regional level, this must depend on the size of the applicant's interests. In cases where the application deals with any type of concern with interests which are wider than Regional, the ACC should be the responsible body. Where they are Regional the appropriate Section at Regional HQ will deal with it. On a Provincial level it is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty.

4. SUBMISSION OF BIDS BY STATIONS.

The submission of bids is unnecessary in respect of any vehicle except those which come under one of the headings given in Appendix B - that is to say that with these exceptions the bid is covered by the amount registered against each individual vehicle. Sections are, therefore, only interested in making the initial recommendation as to the quantity of petroleum to be allocated and to any subsequent alterations which might be desirable, either up or down.

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As bids have to be submitted three weeks in advance of the month to which they refer, it will be necessary to have a method of dealing with additional requirements notified too late for inclusion in the bid and also for use during the current month. This will be done by holding a small reserve and submitting a supplementary bid to AFHQ Post Sec when such reserve is nearly exhausted.

For The Regional Commissioner:

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Lt. Colonel,  
Executive Officer (Provinces)

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Appendix B.

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APPENDIX 'A' to MEMORANDUM NO. 1  
dated 22 September 1944.

## NOTES ON THE USE OF ACC PET 1.

1. The form will be completed in respect of each and every civilian vehicle which it is desired to operate. It will be forwarded to the Licensing Authority through the body who completes the recommendation paragraph. The same body will make a recommendation as to the quantity of petroleum to be allocated. The licensing authority will approve or disapprove the application and it will then be forwarded to the Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazioni Civili who will issue the permit having obtained satisfactory evidence that

1. the applicant is the proper and lawful owner
2. the vehicle will normally carry petroleum in the Province where application is made
3. the vehicle is actually in existence and in reasonable running condition
4. all taxes and dues under Italian law have been paid.

When the permit is issued Motorizzazioni will collect the fee of 50 Lire due as in Executive Memorandum Number 51.

2. It is hoped that by following the order described above two things can be avoided. Firstly, that the approval is granted before the applicant reaches Motorizzazioni where he has to pay 50 Lire for the permit. Thus there will be no refund necessary if the application is refused. Secondly, it is aimed to build up a system whereby the applicant is not kept waiting for hours. There is no need for the applicant to be present until the ACC PET 1 reaches Motorizzazioni. The actual issue of the permit and the coupon card should not take long.

While the advantages of this will be more obvious as postal facilities improve, and the time will come when forms can be made available to Post Offices, even now the applicant should be able to leave the ACC PET 1 with the Licensing Authority and return not less than 24 hours later to complete the matter with Motorizzazioni.

3. In order to fit in with the Italian machinery, it is necessary that Motorizzazioni issue the permit and Consolide Petrolabile dell'Economia (CPE) issue the Petrol Coupon Card. It is left to Provincial Commissioners and Civilian Transportation, Rome to make detailed arrangements as to how the "tie up" is effected.

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4. Certain records are essential. The licensing authority will keep a record of all applications passed to Motorizzazioni. This list will have to be amended by the withdrawal of any names of applications refused by Motorizzazioni. These records should show the amount of petrol authorized, the recommending body and the type of vehicle.

Motorizzazioni will require to keep a record of the permits issued. This can be done by the duplicate permits. The retention of any other records is a matter for the Italians themselves. CPE will keep a record of the amount of petroleum coupons issued and they will have to keep accounts for the coupons.

5. The new permits will, as from 1 October 1941, have two lines in place of the one on the present permit for "Use of Vehicle." One line will show the authorized use of the car, the other will show the use in which it is allowed to operate for that use.

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APPENDIX 'B' to MEMORANDUM NO. 1  
dated 22 September 1944.

1. Any vehicle coming under any of the following headings will be issued with a permit but NOT with a Petroleum Coupon Card.

Petroleum will be allocated in bulk on a bid from the appropriate Section.

1. Public Safety.
2. Postal Services.
3. T.C.S. Public Works.
4. Communications.
5. Motor Transport Pools.
6. Industry and Commerce.
7. Military, A.C.C. and Railway Contractors. (No bid necessary)
8. V. t. c. n (No bid necessary)

2. Petroleum will be issued to vehicles under any of these headings on an authority to Comite to Implants Petrol (CIP). CIP will account for it against the allocation.

3. The permit will be marked "Public Safety" or with whatever category is appropriate.

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  6. Industry and Commerce.
  7. Military, ACC and Railway Contractors. (No bid necessary)
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3. The permit will be marked "Public Safety" or with whatever category is appropriate.

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