

OEF APPENDIX OF CAVEATS:

Compiled List of the Full Range of Known National Caveats Imposed by OEF Force Contributing Nations on National Armed Forces Deployed to OEF in Afghanistan, 2001-2012

'Limitation' Rules of Engagement, restricting:

1. Any deployment of OEF Special Forces outside RC-North, even under the authority of the COMISAF, unless consent is given by the Defence Minister on a case-by-case basis.¹
[Germany]
2. The deployment of Special Forces on any operation in RC-Capital where forces might be involved in 'significant activities', including as part of OEF, without government approval being sought and granted prior to the operation.² [Canada, 2002-2004]

'Prohibition' Rules of Engagement, forbidding:

3. The participation of any national forces in the OEF mission.³ [Spain]
4. Any deployment of OEF forces into Pakistan.⁴ [Germany]
5. Any involvement of OEF forces in counter-terrorism operations.⁵ [Turkey]
6. The deployment of forces to the OEF mission in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 1400 troops.⁶ [Germany, 2005-2008]
7. The deployment of forces to the OEF mission in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 800 troops.⁷ [Germany, 2008-2009]
8. The deployment of Special Forces to the OEF mission in Afghanistan above the Parliamentary-approved cap of 100 personnel.⁸ [Germany, 2005-2008]
9. Any further deployments of Special Forces to operate as part of the OEF mission to conduct combat and counter-terrorism operations.⁹ [Germany, 2007-2009]
10. Any involvement of OEF Special Forces in counter-terrorism operations.¹⁰ [Germany]
11. Any deployment of OEF Special Forces outside of RC-North, to conduct operations nationwide within Afghanistan, even under the authority of the COMISAF.¹¹ [Germany]
12. Any involvement of OEF Special Forces in cross-border operations between Afghanistan-Pakistan.¹² [Germany]

Endnotes

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- ⁸ *Ibid*
- ⁹ Auerswald & Saideman, 'Caveats Emptor: Multilateralism at War in Afghanistan', *op. cit.* p. 7; M. Kaim, 'Expanding ISAF-Ending OEF: The Debate on the Mandates Sending German Troops to Afghanistan', *Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik,(SWP), German Institute for International and Security Affairs*, August 2007, http://www.swp-berlin.org/en/publications/swp-research-papers/swp-research-paper-detail/article/expanding_isaf_ending_oef.html, (accessed 12 July 2012).
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- ¹¹ U.S. Embassy Berlin, *Cable 08BERLIN1387, op. cit.*
- ¹² Kaim, 'Expanding ISAF-Ending OEF: The Debate on the Mandates Sending German Troops to Afghanistan', *op. cit.*