

ORDER
OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE

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On the organization of interaction between the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other components of the defense forces and representatives of the mass media during the legal regime of martial law (With changes made in accordance with the order №196 dated 12.07.2022; the order №266 dated 03.10.2022; the order №49 dated 27.02.2023; the order №51 dated 03.02.2024)

In accordance with the Decree of the President of Ukraine dated February 24, 2022 No. 64/2022 "On the introduction of martial law in Ukraine", approved by the Law of Ukraine of February 24, 2022 No. 2102-IX, laws of Ukraine "On the legal regime of martial law", "On information", "On media", to provide objective coverage of events, to inform the public and the world community about military actions in the course of the large-scale armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which began on February 24, 2022, as well as to prevent leakage of restricted information, and information, the disclosure of which may lead to the enemy's awareness of the actions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other components of the defense forces, to negatively affect the performance of the assigned tasks during the legal regime of martial law, and for the proper organization of work with representatives of the media (including foreign ones) **I order:**

1. To approve the Algorithm of working with accredited representatives of the media during the legal regime of martial law (Annex 1), the List of information, the disclosure of which may lead to the enemy's awareness of the actions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other components of the defense forces, and negatively affect the performance of the assigned tasks during the legal regime of martial law (Annex 2), the Procedure of accreditation of media representatives during the legal regime of martial law (Annex 3), the Rules of work of a media representative around the area of hostilities (Annex 4), the Accreditation form (Annex 5) , the Press card's form (Annex 6), the Procedure of processing requests and admission of media representatives to the facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine during the legal regime of martial law (Annex 7), which are attached.

2. To commanders of branches, operational-strategic (operational-tactical) groups of troops, separate types of troops (forces), heads of military management

bodies that are not related to branches, and heads of other components of the defense forces during the of legal regime of martial law:

to ensure compliance of the subordinate personnel with the Algorithm of working with accredited representatives of the media during the legal regime of martial law;

to inform the subordinate personnel about the List of information, the disclosure of which may lead to the enemy`s awareness of the actions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other components of the defense forces, and negatively affect the performance of the assigned tasks during the legal regime of martial law;

to prevent media representatives (including accredited ones) from entering military and other facilities, the disclosure of which endangers the performance of assigned (special) tasks;

to ensure the work of accredited representatives of the media (including foreign ones) who have received a press card of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the areas of hostilities;

to hold accountable responsible (official) persons for violating the requirements established in this order in accordance with the law;

not to allow the use of other, additional accreditations for media representatives, except those specified in this order.

3. Officials (service workers) during communication with media representatives to prevent the dissemination of summary (information) with limited access, falling under the Code of information constituting a state secret, approved by the order of the Central Office of the Security Service of Ukraine of December 23, 2020 No. 383, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on January 14, 2021 under No. 52/35674 (with amendments), the List of information of the Armed Forces of Ukraine constituting proprietary information, approved by the order of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine of January 30, 2023 No. 12, and the List of information, the disclosure of which may lead to the enemy`s awareness of the actions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other components of the defense forces, and negatively affect the performance of the assigned tasks during the legal regime of martial law.

4. The control over the implementation of the order is entrusted to the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, in accordance with the division of responsibilities.

5. Order loses its validity with the termination or cancellation of the state of martial law in Ukraine.

6. Order is to be brought to all personnel in the relevant part.

Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine
General

Valerii ZALUZHNYI

Annex 1
to the order of the Commander-in-Chief
of the Armed Forces of Ukraine
dated 03.03.2022 No. 73

ALGORITHM
of working with accredited representatives of the media during the legal regime of
martial law

1. Corresponding heads, commanders (chiefs) of military organizational structures are obliged to:

check the accreditation of media representatives;

assign the public affairs officer (press officer) or another official for organizing the work of accredited media representatives at specified military facilities;

assign and instruct officials (service workers) who will be interviewed (asked for comments) on the prevention of dissemination of information with limited access and the requirements of Ukrainian legislation in this area;

identify places for a serviceman to give an interview (comments), take photos and videos of weapons and military equipment;

organize the movement of media representatives to the designated place of photo and video shooting, taking into account the security requirements of the use of weapons (forces);

ensure the immediate removal of a media representative from work at a military facility in case of information about his violation of the Rules of work of the media representative in the area of hostilities (Annex 4);

interact with media representatives in compliance with the norms of international humanitarian law;

determine the zones for the presence of media representatives within the area of responsibility. Commanders of operational-strategic military units establish the following zones: GREEN (accredited media representatives are allowed to work without a public affairs officer or other official designated by the commander), YELLOW (accredited media representatives are allowed to work only if they are accompanied by a public affairs officer or other official designated by the commander, except for the cases specified by this Annex), and RED (media representatives are prohibited from working, except for the cases specified by this Annex);

as an exception, for the purpose of objectively informing the public and the world community about war crimes committed by the Russian Federation, at the request of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine or the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine or the relevant commander (chief) of a group of troops may be allowed the work of accredited media representatives in the RED zone exclusively accompanied by designated officials. Permission is granted taking into account the possibility of providing support to relevant media representatives and compliance with security measures for the use of troops (forces);

while working in the RED zone, the media representatives undertake to provide the collected photo and video materials for verification regarding the presence of information with limited access, to consent on their distribution and publication with the official responsible for the security direction of the use of troops (forces) of the military unit (division), in the area of responsibility of which photo and video shooting was carried out;

the work of accredited media representatives in public places in the YELLOW zone, to which the civilian population has free access, is allowed without the accompaniment of a public affairs officer or other official designated by the commander, within the limits of the route agreed by the commander (chief) of the troop group based on the application of an accredited media representative. Such an application of an accredited media representative is reviewed within three days from the moment of its submission;

when determining zones for the presence of media representatives, to be guided by the following criteria:

RED zone — control points of troops (forces) of all types and units of troops from battalion (division) and above; areas of concentration (maintenance) of general military reserves; areas (positions) of deployment of air defense forces and means; areas (positions) of concentration and deployment of units of missile forces; base (operational) military airfields; base points of the Naval Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine; areas of concentration (performance of combat tasks) of units of the Special Operations Forces and Intelligence Forces; arsenals, bases, warehouses for storing weapons and military equipment, logistics (missiles, ammunition, fuel and lubricants), international logistical support; stations for loading and unloading weapons and military equipment (during their use by the troops);

YELLOW zone – permanent bases, areas of regaining of combat capability of military units (divisions) of the Armed Forces of Ukraine; areas of concentration (performance of combat tasks) of military units in defense areas, platoon and company strongholds; areas of concentration (performance of combat tasks) of general military units and artillery units (especially those, armed with the latest models of military equipment, provided by partner states as part of international material assistance); industrial enterprises of all forms of ownership which produce products for military purposes; training centers for troops (forces);

GREEN zone – all other objects in the area of responsibility of the operational groups of troops, which are not included in the RED and YELLOW zones.

2. The public affairs officer (press officer) or another designated person shall:
accompany media representatives directly at military facilities;

be polite to the media representatives and assist them in carrying out their duties in every possible way;

before starting the work process, inform media representatives about the possibility of reviewing the photo and video materials taken by them for checking out the presence of information with limited access, information that constitutes a state secret, the disclosure of which may harm national security (national interests) or other

state interests, create threat to the life and health of military personnel and media representatives directly. If such information is discovered, it must be deleted;

based on the results of the work, immediately report to the superior, commander (chief) on the results of the work of media representatives, and, if there are grounds, warn him of the possibility of distorted and negative information in the media;

immediately report to the superior, commander (chief) on the facts of violation by the media of the Rules of the work of a mass media representative in the combat zones.

3. Officials (service workers) who perform combat (special) tasks are obliged to:

give interviews (comments) only with the permission of the relevant heads, commanders (chiefs);

prevent distribution of information with limited access, as well as information specified in Annex 2 to this order;

not to allow (remove from work) media representatives who violate the requirements of this order from working at the military facility;

if necessary, provide audio-visual materials to media representatives exclusively through the public affairs bodies (press services) of the Armed Forces of Ukraine with the prior approval of the relevant security unit for the use of troops (forces) and the commander (chief).

Head of the Department of Public Affairs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine
Colonel

Bohdan SENYK

Annex 2
to the order of the Commander-in-Chief
of the Armed Forces of Ukraine
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LIST

of information, the disclosure of which may lead to the enemy's awareness of the actions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other components of the defense forces, negatively affecting the performance of tasks assigned during the legal regime of martial law

1. Actual names of military units (divisions) of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other components of the defense forces of Ukraine, personal data of servicemen performing combat (special) tasks and geographical coordinates of their locations and concentration.
2. Combat and numerical composition of military units (divisions) of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, available quantity, type of combat (special) equipment and its technical composition.
3. Places (districts) of concentration, deployment and restoration of combat capability of military units (divisions) of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, with reference to settlements (geographical objects).
4. Data on current and future plans (designs) of commanders (chiefs), combat (special) tasks and the progress of their performance by military units (divisions) of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
5. Usage effectiveness (experience) of means of destruction, test (special) equipment, as well as methods of conducting combat (tactical) actions by military units (divisions) of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other components of the Defense Forces of Ukraine.
6. Locations (deployment points) of fire start positions of air defense units and the results of their combat missions.
7. Results of operations and conduct of combat actions by military units (divisions) of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other components of the defense forces of Ukraine if such information has not been made public by the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine or other components of the defense forces of Ukraine.
8. Results of operations carried out by units of the Special Operations Forces and intelligence units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine if such information has not

been made public by the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and (or) other management bodies of the Defense Forces of Ukraine.

9. Information on losses of combat (special) equipment (tanks, self-propelled artillery installations, airplanes, helicopters, anti-aircraft missile systems, ships (boats), especially of foreign production) and personnel if such information has not been made public by the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and (or) other management bodies of the defense forces of Ukraine.

10. Results of enemy missile and air strikes on military objects (targets), critical infrastructure objects, if such information has not been made public by the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other management bodies of the defense forces of Ukraine and (or) state authorities of Ukraine.

11. Information on movement (forward motion) of military (special) equipment, routes of their movement, their types and quantity.

12. Conduct of security measures for the use of troops (forces) (information on measures to mislead, conceal the activities of troops (forces) and military facilities), forces and means that were involved in their implementation, as well as photo and video materials taken from the image of models and means of imitation used by military units (divisions) of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other components of the defense forces of Ukraine.

13. Information on completed, current and planned informational and psychological operations (promotions, influence measures).

14. Information on servicemen of reconnaissance, missile, artillery units, radio-electronic warfare units, unmanned aerial vehicle units, flight and engineering-technical staff of airplanes and helicopters, as well as the Special Operations Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

15. Photo and video materials depicting mutual recognition signs, tail numbers and state license plates on combat (special) vehicles, means of targeting, combat control and intelligence, and structural features of combat (special) vehicles.

16. Photos and video materials inside tanks, self-propelled artillery installations, anti-aircraft missile systems, armored combat vehicles and tactical aircraft, especially foreign-made ones.

17. Information on delivery terms, types, quantity, material and technical support, current and future places of concentration (storage) of weapons and military equipment, which are provided as part of material and technical assistance from partner countries, especially missiles, ammunition, means of air destruction, if such information has not been posted on the official pages (representatives) of the Ministry

of Defense of Ukraine and the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine or by departments of partner countries.

18. Information on awareness of the enemy, tactics of his actions, places (areas) of concentration (location) of important military objects.

Head of the Department of Public Affairs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine
Colonel

Bohdan SENYK

PROCEDURE

of accreditation of media representatives during the legal regime of martial law

1. This Procedure defines the mechanism for accreditation of media representatives during the legal regime of martial law in order to cover events objectively, ensure that the population and the international community are informed about the war crimes committed by the Russian Federation during its large-scale armed aggression against Ukraine, launched on February 24, 2022, as well as assist in ensuring the performance of professional tasks in the area of hostilities.

2. To pass the accreditation, media representatives are required to fill out the form (Annex 5) and send it to the email address. The following documents are attached to this form:

- a scanned copy of a passport (1-3 pages) or ID card;
- a scanned copy of a media representative's certificate (not mandatory for persons who provide informational support to the work of foreign journalists);
- a submission of a person in the media field with a request to grant accreditation;
- a high-resolution photo of the person.

A person who regularly distributes mass information under his editorial control through his own accounts on information sharing platforms and has voluntarily registered as an entity in the field of online media in accordance with the procedure provided by the Law of Ukraine "On media" instead of a scanned copy of a media representative's certificate provides a scanned copy of the corresponding confirming document issued by the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting.

3. Accreditation is granted for a period up to 12 months.

4. The Department of Public Affairs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine organizes accreditation. Within this process the department:

- verifies the person's affiliation to the entity in the media field;
- sends an application to the representative of the Security Service of Ukraine to obtain the corresponding conclusion;
- keeps records of issued press cards and information provided by media representatives for accreditation;
- makes decisions on granting (cancelling or suspension) accreditation to media representatives;
- informs media representatives about the results of accreditation;

provides access to the list of accredited media representatives upon request to representatives of the Security Service of Ukraine, the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, the National Police of Ukraine, the National Guard of Ukraine, the State Migration Service of Ukraine, the State Guard Department of Ukraine;
facilitates the organization of work for accredited media representatives.

5. In case of successful completion of accreditation, the Department of Public Affairs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine produces and sends an electronic press card to the media representative's email address (Annex 6).

Press card is a personalized document that certifies the accreditation of media representatives and their rights to perform editorial tasks in the combat areas.

In case of inconsistency of the information provided, presence of grounds to consider the accreditation granted to a media representative inappropriate, accreditation cancellation cases in the past, including those issued on the recommendation of the Security Service of Ukraine, the applicant's accreditation is denied.

6. When applying for accreditation, the media representative personally gets acquainted with the Rules of the media representative's work in the area of hostilities (Annex 4 to the order), which are posted on the official website of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine and agrees to abide by them.

Refusal to comply with these Rules or their violation, transfer of the press card to other persons are grounds for canceling the accreditation of the media representative or suspending its validity for the period of clarification of the circumstances of the violation.

7. A request to cancel the accreditation of a media representative is submitted by subordination to the Department of Public Affairs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

8. The appeal of the decision on refusal (cancellation, suspension) of accreditation is carried out by sending an official letter from the head (editor) of the media to the address of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

9. The relevant units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, whose functions and tasks include monitoring and analyzing the informational space, shall provide the results of monitoring and analysis of materials by media representatives (Ukrainian and foreign) on the activities of the defense forces of Ukraine to the Department of Public Affairs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine for further generalization in the shortest possible time.

10. Ensuring the work of the hotline for checking the status of accreditation of media representatives is carried out by the relevant divisions of the National Police of Ukraine.

Head of the Department of Public Affairs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine
Colonel

Bohdan SENYK

RULES
of the work of a mass media representative in the area of hostilities

1. Rights of a media representative.

A representative of the mass media has the right to lawfully obtain, store, use, disseminate:

general information about the preparation and use of defense forces;

general information about the participation of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other components of defense forces in repelling and countering the large-scale armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which began on February 24, 2022;

general information about the results of completed operations (actions) (only by agreement with the relevant commander (superior)), except for information that is not subject to disclosure.

2. Duties of a media representative.

3. A media representative is obliged to:

present a press card at the request of representatives of the Armed Forces, other components of the defense forces;

carry and show the identity documents of a media representative;

move within the combat zones solely within the terms and along the route determined and agreed upon following the established procedure with the relevant heads, commanders (superiors), the head of the public affairs department (press service) of the military unit in the area of its responsibility;

inform the head of the public affairs department (press service) about the period of the trip, the route to be taken, the purpose of the editorial assignment by email or telephone before moving to the area of combat operations;

wear (put on) the press identification signs (markings) of media representatives (media vehicles) in a visible place throughout the entire period of stay in the area of combat operations, except for situations when it may pose a threat to the life and health of the media representatives;

have personal protective equipment, including at least a protective helmet and a bullet-proof vest with the appropriate "PRESS" marking (except for situations described in the previous paragraph);

have a medical kit (it must contain the first aid kit) and know how to use it;

not to commit acts incompatible with the status of civilians, i.e., not to wear uniforms and insignia of the Armed Forces and other components of the defense forces, and not to handle weapons and ammunition;

hand over electronic and physical records of photographs and video footage, upon request, to a specified person upon completion of their work at military facilities to check if there is any information that is not subject to disclosure;

if there is any information that is not subject to disclosure, it must be deleted from the electronic storage device at the request of the representative of the public affairs service (press service).

4. Information that is not subject to disclosure by a media representative.

Information that may become known to a media representative while working in the areas of combat operations and is defined in the following documents:

the Article 17 of the Law of Ukraine “On Combating Terrorism”;

the Code of information constituting state secrets, as approved by order No. 383 of the Security Service of Ukraine of December 23, 2020, and registered at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on January 14, 2021 under No. 52/35674 (as amended);

the List of information of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine containing proprietary information, approved by order of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine No. 605 of October 17, 2023;

the List of information of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, constituting proprietary information, approved by order of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine No. 12 of January 30, 2023;

the List of information, the disclosure of which may lead to the enemy's awareness of the actions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other components of the defense forces, negatively affecting the performance of assigned tasks during the legal regime of martial law (Annex 2 to this order).

5. Safety of a media representative and some other issues.

In case of a situation that may endanger the life and health of a media representative, the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other components of the defense forces may provide protection, emergency medical assistance and evacuation to a medical facility if there is a real possibility.

In case of injury (trauma, illness, death) of a media representative, representatives of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other components of the defense forces will provide the relevant information to the editorial office of such a media representative if there is a real possibility.

Ensuring the return of a media representative from the area of combat operations (including to the country he/she came from or is a citizen of) is the responsibility of the editorial office that sent him/her to perform editorial tasks.

The issue of life, health, and property insurance of a media representative is the sole responsibility of the editorial office whose tasks he/she performs.

The Armed Forces of Ukraine, other components of the defense forces, commanders of military units or their authorized representatives for working with the media are not responsible for the safety, life, and health, ensuring the return, as well as issues of life, health and property insurance of media representatives.

Head of the Department of Public Affairs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine
Colonel

Bohdan SENYK

Annex 5
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The Armed Forces of Ukraine / Збройні Сили України



Accreditation / Акредитація*
to be submitted at / надіслати на:
newsmodu@gmail.com

1. First name, surname / Прізвище, ім'я та по батькові:
2. Name of the media / Назва медіа
3. Speciality (position) / Посада
4. Citizenship (name of a country) / Громадянство (назва країни)
5. Phone number / Телефон
6. Date of Birth / Дата народження:

До запиту додається / Should be attached to the request :

personal photo in a good quality / фото особи в хорошій якості;
passport copy or ID card / копії паспорту (1-3 сторінки) або ID картки;
journalist's (media) ID / посвідчення представника медіа;
letter by the Editor-in-chief with a request for the accreditation / Лист-клопотання керівника (редактора) медіа щодо акредитації.

Please, send completed application form in .DOC format / Прохання надсилати заповнену анкету у форматі .DOC.

Important / Важливо: the accreditation can be provided and remains valid only for media representatives equipped with body vests and helmets / акредитація надається і є чинною лише для тих представників медіа, які мають бронежилети та шоломи.

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1. In case of violation of the conditions, disclosure of confidential information (operational security violation) or transfer of the card to other persons, you may be deprived of accreditation without the right to renew.

2. The Armed Forces of Ukraine are not responsible for your life and health while in the combat zone.

3. By filling up and sending this application form, you give the permission for the processing of your personal data.

Annex 6
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The press card`s form

 <p>Збройні Сили України Armed Forces of Ukraine</p> <p>ПРЕСКАРТА / PRESS CARD</p> <p>№ 19333</p> <p>Дійсна до / Date of expiry 31.12.2024</p> <p>Назва медіа name of the media</p> <p>прізвище, ім'я, по батькові first name, surname країна country</p> <p>1. The press card gives the right to perform professional tasks in the combat zones and during curfew in accordance with the Rules of the work of a media representative in the combat zone (Appendix 4). 2. In case of violation of the conditions, disclosure of confidential information (operational security violation) or transfer of the card to other persons, you may be deprived of accreditation without the right to renew. 3. The Armed Forces of Ukraine are not responsible for your life and health while in the combat zone. 4. Contact phone number to verify the accreditation: 0 894 201 864</p> <p>1. Прескарта дає право виконувати професійні завдання в районах ведення бойових дій та у комендантську годину відповідно до Правил роботи представника медіа у районі ведення бойових дій (додаток 4). 2. У разі порушення умов журналістської діяльності, розголошення конфіденційної інформації чи передачі картки іншим особам, Вас може бути позбавлено акредитації без права відновлення. 3. Збройні Сили України не несуть відповідальності за Ваші життя та здоров'я під час перебування у районі ведення бойових дій. 4. Контактний телефон для верифікації акредитації: 0 894 201 864</p> <p>Наказ Головнокомандувача ЗС України №73 від 03.03.22 р.</p>  <p>Order of The Commander-in-Chief of The Armed Forces of Ukraine #73</p> 	<p>The front side of the press card</p>
<p>The back side of the press card</p>	<p>The back side of the press card</p>

Head of the Department of Public Affairs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine

Colonel

Bohdan SENYK

Annex 7
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PROCEDURE

of processing requests and admissions of media representatives to the facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine during the legal regime of martial law

1. This Procedure defines the order for organizing the processing of requests and the admission of journalists, mass media workers (hereinafter referred to as mass media representatives) to the facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine for carrying out their professional activities.

2. Procedure for processing requests from media representatives.

2.1. In order to obtain permission to carry out professional journalistic and other information and communication activities during the legal regime of martial law, media representatives shall submit an official written request in printed or electronic form (by email, which indicated on the official information sources of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine and the Armed Forces of Ukraine) to the name of the relevant commander (chief) through the public relations unit (press service).

2.2. A request from the mass media can be submitted by:
an individual journalist, a citizen of Ukraine, who works full-time, out of the staff or under a contract in the mass media;
a foreign citizen who works as a journalist for a media outlet as a staff member, freelancer, or under contract;
a legal entity/head of a media outlet registered in Ukraine;
a legal entity/head of a foreign media outlet registered outside Ukraine, which has the appropriate accreditation in Ukraine.

Also, public affairs services may receive requests for documenting facts, shooting films, collecting information materials for books and carrying out other informational and communicative activities not related to mass media from organizations and individuals who carry out relevant activities on legal grounds. Such requests are processed similarly to media requests.

2.3. In the conditions of the legal regime of martial law, the request is sent no later than three working days before the planned events.

2.4. The media request states:
surname, first name and patronymic (if any) of the media representative and the number of the accreditation press card of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;
full media name, location, phone number, email address;

- the purpose of the planned activities;
- the desired date and terms of the planned events;
- if necessary – make and registration number of the vehicle;
- the official (officials) with whom it is planned to conduct the interview (get comments), indicating whether prior consent for the interview (getting comments) has been obtained from the aforementioned official(s);
- the topics and indicative questions for the interview (comment) of the official (officials);
- an approximate list of samples of weapons and military equipment, buildings or individual premises where photo and video shooting is planned.

2.5. Requests for interviews and comments of officials are sent to the military units, institutions and military administration bodies of the Armed Forces of Ukraine through their public affairs unit (press service).

Upon receipt of the request, the public affairs service (press service) is obliged to inform the media representative who sent the request about the acceptance of the request for processing or its rejection in the way determined by him/her.

The military unit, institution or body of the military administration of the Armed Forces of Ukraine informs the applicant about the result of the consideration of the request no later than five working days from the date of receipt of the request.

2.6. Requests for the preparation of informational materials on the use of foreign military aid and samples of weapons and military equipment are sent to the command of the group of troops (forces) through the public affairs service (press service).

The decision to grant permission is taken by the commander of the group of troops (forces), considering operational security measures and recommendations of international military cooperation bodies regarding relevant agreements with the partner country that provided the relevant assistance and samples of weapons and military equipment.

Bodies of international military cooperation or other officials, in accordance with their competence, inform commanders (chiefs) and public affairs services (press services) about the list of samples of weapons and military equipment that are prohibited or allowed to be covered in the mass media.

2.7. Written requests that do not contain the information specified in clause 2.4 of this section will not be considered, and the public affairs units will notify the relevant media within one day of receiving the request in writing, by telephone or by email.

2.8. Upon receiving a request containing all the necessary information specified in section 2.4 of this chapter, the public affairs unit sends the request to the relevant official authorized to make a decision on the conduct of the events as soon as possible, considering the operational situation.

Based on the results of the review of the request, the relevant official makes a decision, about which the public affairs unit informs the relevant mass media.

The organization of the work of media representatives at the facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine shall be guided by the requirements of the terms set in the Annex 1 of this order.

2.9. Permission to give interviews (comments) is provided by:

the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – to the Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, deputies of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, heads of structural units of the Apparatus of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, commanders of types, separate branches of troops (forces) of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, operational-strategic groups of troops, others directly subordinate to the Commander-in-Chief military administration bodies of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

the Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – to the deputy chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, heads of structural units of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and commanders (chiefs) of military units (institutions) directly subordinate to the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

commanders of types, separate branches of troops (forces) of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – to subordinate commanders of operational, air-military commands, commanders of military units (institutions), heads of military schools;

commanders of operational-strategic troop groups – to subordinate commanders of operational-tactical troop groups and commanders (chiefs) of forces and means under his operational control;

commanders (chiefs) of military units (institutions) – to all subordinate personnel.

Permission to give interviews (comments) by military personnel who are in training or serving abroad is granted by the senior military representative (or senior group) in the host state after approval by the Department of Public Affairs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

3. The procedure for granting access to representatives of the mass media to the facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

3.1. Organization of the process of admission of media representatives to the facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and interaction with them is carried out by

their structural divisions, which, in accordance with the functions and assigned tasks, interact with the media.

3.2. Permission for the admission of media representatives to the facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine is granted by:

the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, deputies of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – to visit all facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

the Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and his deputies – to visit the structural divisions of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other military administration bodies, units, military units;

the Commander of the Joint Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine – to visit facilities in the places where the national contingent is based, as well as facilities in the places of execution of tasks by units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, which are under the operational control of the Command of the Joint Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

commanders of types, separate branches of troops (forces), groups of troops (forces) – for visits to commands and subordinate organizational structures;

commanders of military units – to visit structural divisions and subordinate organizational structures.

The permission for the admission of delegations to the places of training events for servicemen of the Armed Forces of Ukraine abroad is granted by the host party.

3.3. The admission of mass media representatives to the facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine is carried out by the heads (commanders, chiefs) of the relevant facilities of the Armed Forces of Ukraine based on a decision (order) issued by the relevant official of the highest military management body.

It is prohibited for a media representative to access the assigned mission area or the facility of the Armed Forces of Ukraine unaccompanied by an official designated for this purpose.

3.4. To obtain permission to visit the facility of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, media representatives submit an official written request to the relevant public affairs unit in printed or electronic form in accordance with Section 2 of this Procedure.

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Colonel

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