

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

AG 400.703 (20 Aug 47)CTS-V
(SCAPIN 1763)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

THROUGH: Central Liaison Office, Tokyo

SUBJECT: Control of Surplus United States Government
Vehicles Sold to the Japanese Government

1. Reference AG 400.703 (9 Dec 46)ESS/FT, (SCAPIN 1384),
subject: "Surplus United States Government Property to be Sold
to the Imperial Japanese Government."

2. Paragraph 5 of reference 1. above is amended as fol-
lows:

"Trucks and trailers will be operated by established
agencies, governmental, prefectural and municipal, charged
with the responsibility of promoting public health, safety and
welfare, reconstruction and rehabilitation of devastated areas,
and distribution of food, clothing, fuel and such other es-
sential commodities as are required for the prevention of
disease and unrest among the civilian population. Title to all
vehicles will be retained by the Japanese Government, except
that vehicles allocated to relief of passenger traffic con-
gestion in urban areas may be sold to municipal governments or
private concerns operating under franchises issued by the Min-
istry of Transportation, Japanese Government. These vehicles
will not be used by the government for the purpose of competing
with private enterprisers. In cases where suitable public
agencies do not exist for the accomplishment of the objectives
mentioned above, the government may lease equipment to private
operators, such arrangements to be subject to prior approval of
General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.
Plans covering the distribution and use of these trucks and
trailers will be submitted to General Headquarters, Supreme
Commander for the Allied Powers (Attention: Civil Transporta-
tion Section) for approval prior to such distribution."

Except for the foregoing, all provisions of reference 1. re-
main in full force and effect.

3. Direct communication, within the scope of this memo-
randum, is authorized between Civil Transportation Section,
General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers,
and interested agencies of the Japanese Government.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

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