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Exchange to Start Fuel Card Conversion for Schinnen and Brunssum Communities

SEMBACH, Germany – The Exchange Europe and Southwest Asia will convert to the ESSO/Forax fuel card system to replace the fuel coupon system in Schinnen and Brunssum, the Netherlands beginning Monday, 30 November 2015.

Starting at 0930 on 30 November at the Schinnen Main Store, eligible Exchange fuel ration customers can receive the new ESSO/Forax fuel cards.

“The new ESSO/Forax cards will allow fuel rations to be tracked using their Military Stary account and allows authorized card holders to fuel up at more than 330 ESSO stations across the Netherlands,” said Ruth Wagner, Exchange ESSO Fuel Card Program Manager. “Prior to the card availability, authorized fuel ration holders had fourteen stations to redeem their coupons, and this gives them access to fuel up across the Netherlands.”

The new ESSO/Forax fuel cards replace the fuel ration coupons and expand the capability for eligible military personnel, their dependents and authorized US civilians.

New ESSO/Forax Fuel Card issue teams from the Exchange Europe Region will facilitate roll out (with the exception of the conversion of the teachers and the Canadian which will be coordinated separately) during normal store hours 0930 to 1800 including Mondays. Customers are requested to use the front entrance of the store Tuesdays through Saturdays and the side entrance (metal stairs) on Mondays.

Sign-up sheets in the Schinnen Main Store will be available to facilitate first in, first served coordination, as appointments will not be taken.

Non-assigned Netherlands persons desiring to use the ESSO/Forax fuel cards must provide TDY orders and customs document that are issued at the Schinnen Military Police station to receive a temporary ESSO/Forax card.

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