

wherever situated, except in cases where the competent authorities of the United Nations forces consent to such search, seizure, or inspection by the Japanese authorities of such persons or property.

Where search, seizure, or inspection with respect to persons or property within facilities in use by the United Nations forces or with respect to property of the United Nations forces in Japan is desired by the Japanese authorities, the military authorities of the United Nations forces will undertake, upon request, to make such search, seizure, or inspection. In the event of a judgment concerning such property, except property owned or utilized by the Government of a sending State or its instrumentalities, the authorities of the sending State concerned will turn over such property to the Japanese authorities for disposition in accordance with the judgment. In either of the cases mentioned in the two foregoing sentences, if the forces of the sending State have no legal authority to take such action, the authorities of that State shall allow the appropriate Japanese authorities to take such action in accordance with Japanese law.

9. Re application of this Article:

The provisions of this Article shall not apply to any offences committed by members of the United Nations forces or of the civilian components, or their dependents, whose Government is a Party to this Agreement, before the entry into force of this Agreement for that Party. With respect to those Parties to this Agreement which have also signed the Protocol on the Exercise of Criminal Jurisdiction over United Nations Forces in Japan, signed at Tokyo on October 26, 1953, such offences shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the said Protocol and the Annex thereto as these were in force prior to the entry into force of this Agreement.

10. Re implementation of this Article:

The implementation of this Article and these Minutes shall be similar to the implementation of the Protocol and the Agreed Official Minutes of September 29, 1953 between the Government of Japan and the Government of the United States of America.

Re Article XVIII:

In cases where the provisions of paragraph 3 apply, by virtue of paragraph 4 of Article XXI or paragraph 4 of Article XXII, to claims which may have arisen before the entry into force of this Agreement with respect to Japan and the sending State or States concerned, such claims shall be filed within one year from the date of the entry into force of this Agreement between Japan and the said sending State or States, irrespective of the provisions of paragraph 3 (a).

2. The Joint Board shall determine the scope of the term "third parties" so as to correspond to the scope of the same term under the Administrative Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the United States of America.

Re Article XXIII:

The Government of the United States of America acting as the Unified Command shall act on behalf of a sending State only with the prior consent of such State.