

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 №249 dated 27.02.2023)

According to the Decree of the President of Ukraine No 64/2022 of 24.02.2022 "On the imposition of martial law in Ukraine", approved by the Law of Ukraine of 24.02.2022 No.2102-IX, the Law of Ukraine "On the legal regime of martial law", "On information", to provide objective coverage of events, to inform the public and the world community about war crimes committed by the Russian Federation during its large-scale armed aggression against Ukraine, which began on February 24, 2022, as well as to prevent leakage of restricted information, prevent the spread of mass media information (including foreign) and public figures listened to by the public (opinion leaders, bloggers, etc.) (hereinafter – media representatives) 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 **I order**:

- 1. To approve the Algorithm of working with accredited representatives of the media during the legal regime of martial law (Appendix 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 course of fulfilling tasks during the legal regime of martial law (Appendix 2), Procedure of accreditation of media representatives during the martial law regime (Appendix 3), Rules of the work of a media representative in the combat zones (Appendix 4), Form for Accreditation (Appendix 5), The Press Card's Form (Appendix 6), 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 (Appendix 7).
- 2. To commanders of branches, separate types of troops (forces), heads of military management bodies that are not related to branches, separate types of troops (forces), and heads of other components of the defense forces during the martial law regime:

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 course of fulfilling tasks during the legal regime of martial law;

not to allow representatives of the mass media (including accredited ones) to military and other objects, the disclosure of which poses a threat to fulfilling tasks according to the (special) assignments;

to ensure the work of accredited representatives of the mass media (including foreign ones) and press service employees of central executive authorities who have received a press card from the Armed Forces of Ukraine in areas of combat operations;

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 representatives of the mass media, 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, 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 November 22, 2017 No. 408, 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 course of fulfilling 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

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Appendix 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 (later on – the media)

identify responsible officials (service workers) for organizing the work of accredited media representatives at each of the identified military facilities and provide their contact information (military rank, surname, name and patronymic, contact phone number) to accredited media representatives;

ensure that the relevant heads, commanders (supervisors) are informed about the ban on the work of media representatives at military facilities (positions and locations of units, etc.) without prior agreement with the designated official;

determine the route of movement of accredited media representatives through the territory of military facilities, taking into account the restriction of access to special facilities and special areas;

determine the parking place of the cars that were used by the accredited representatives of the mass media;

identify places for photography, video shooting of weapons and military equipment;

udentify 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;

assign the public relations officer (press officer) or other designated person:

to accompany representatives of the mass media directly in the area of hostilities;

review photo and video materials to check for information that constitutes a state secret, official or confidential information, as well as information, the disclosure of which may lead to awareness of the enemy about the actions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other defense forces, adversely affect the charge progress as assigned

during the legal regime of martial law, endanger the lives and health of military men and directly representatives of the media;

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 the media representative in the area of hostilities (Appendix 4) and take measures to hold this media representative accountable;

in the event of a situation that could endanger the life and health of the media representative – immediately stop their work at the military facility and, if possible, provide the media representative with protection, emergency medical care and evacuation to the appropriate medical facility.

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 designated commanding officer), YELLOW (accredited media representatives are allowed to work only if they are accompanied by a public affairs officer or other designated commanding officer), and RED (accredited media representatives are prohibited from working). The public relations department is responsible for informing media representatives about the current zones within the area of responsibility.

2. The public relations officer (press officer) or other designated person shall:

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

to instruct officials appointed by the relevant superior, commander (chief) to provide interviews (comments) on the prevention of dissemination of information with limited access and the requirements of Ukrainian legislation in this area;

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;

based on the results of the work, he is obliged to 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.

3. Officials who perform combat (special) tasks are obliged to: refrain from giving interviews (comments) to media representatives;

provide interviews (comments) only with the permission of the commanders (supervisors) only after being instructed to prevent the dissemination of information with limited access and the requirements of Ukrainian legislation in this area;

not to allow (remove from work) media representatives who violate the Rules of the work of a mass media representative in the area of hostilities to work at the military facility.

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

Appendix 2 to the order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine dated 03.03.2022 No. 73

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. Names of military units (divisions) and other military facilities used in combat (special) missions and the geographical coordinates of their exact locations.
 - 2. The numbers of military units (divisions) personnel.
- 3. The numbers of weapons, military equipment, logistical resources, their condition and location.
- 4. Descriptions, images, and symbols that identify or might identify military facilities.
 - 5. Information regarding the active or planned operations (combat missions).
- 6. Information regarding the security and defense system of military objects and means of protection of the personnel, weapons, and military equipment in use (except for those that are visible or clearly evident).
- 7. The order of engaging forces and means for carrying out combat (special) missions.
- 8. Information on gathering intelligence (means, methods, forces, and equipment that are used).
- 9. Information on relocation and deployment of our forces (names, numbers, locations, areas, routes).
- 10. Information on military units (divisions), the forms, methods, and tactics of their actions and ways of their use for intended purposes.
- 11. Information on unique operations, describing the ways and methods of their implementation.
- 12. Information on the efficiency of the enemy's electronic warfare forces and equipment.
- 13. Information on pending or canceled operations.
- 14. Information on missing or shot-down planes, aircrafts, missing ships, and search-and-rescue operations which are scheduled or underway.
- 15. Information on planning and implementing arrangements for the military forces security (misinformation, simulation, demonstrative actions, disguising, counteraction against technical survey, and information protection).
- 16. Data on current or planned psychological operations.
- 17. Information aimed at propaganda or justification of the large-scale military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.
- 18. Information that may lead to the enemy's awareness of the results of missile strikes on military targets (sites) if such information has not been publicly

disclosed by the General Staff or other military command bodies of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

- 19. Information that may lead to the enemy's awareness of the results of missile strikes on critical infrastructure objects of the state, if such information has not been disclosed by the authorities of Ukraine.
- 20. Information on the direction, movement of weapons, armaments, and ammunition into Ukraine, including their movement within the territory of Ukraine, if such information has not been made public by the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine or the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine or through official sources of the partner countries.
- 21. Information about the movement, relocation, or positioning of the Armed Forces of Ukraine or other military formations formed in accordance with the laws of Ukraine, with the possibility of their identification on the ground, if such information has not been made public by the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- 22. Information that could allow the enemy to determine the specific location of forces of air defense units.
- 23. Registration numbers, flags, or other markings on foreign-made weapons and military equipment provided as part of material and technical assistance from partner countries that could directly indicate the country of origin of the sample of weapons and military equipment.
- 24. Disclosure of photo or video materials with destroyed (affected, damaged) samples of foreign-made weapons and military equipment provided as part of material and technical assistance from partner countries.

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

Appendix 3 to the order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine dated 03.03.2022 No.73

PROCEDURE

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

- 1. This Procedure defines the mechanism for accreditation of representatives of mass media (hereinafter referred to as 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 implementation of editorial tasks in the area of combat operations.
- 2. In order to pass the accreditation, media representatives are required to fill out the form (Appendix 5) and send it to the email address specified in the aforementioned Appendix 5. The following documents are attached to this form:

a scanned copy of the passport (pages 1-3) or the ID card;

- a scanned copy of the journalist's (media) license (not mandatory for persons (fixers) who provide informational support to the work of foreign journalists and have a relevant letter from the head of the mass media);
- a letter from the head (editor) of the mass media with a request to provide an accreditation;
- a photo sized 3.5 cm by 4.5 cm of good quality.
- 3. Accreditation is granted for a period up to 6 months.
- 4. The Public Relations Department of the Armed Forces of Ukraine organizes accreditation. Within this process the department:

checks the availability of state registration of mass media (according to the Unified State Register of print mass media and news agencies, with the list of TV and radio organizations of the State Committee for television and radio broadcasting of Ukraine);

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) 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 Public Relations Department of the Armed Forces of Ukraine produces and issues a press card to the media representative (Appendix 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. This denial may be made without explaining the reasons for the denial.

6. When issuing a press card, the media representative personally gets acquainted with the Rules of the media representative's work in the area of combat operations (hereinafter referred to as Rules) (Appendix 4 hereto), which are posted on the official website of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.

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 Public Relations Department of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- 8. Only accredited media representatives may be allowed to enter combat areas or military facilities after presenting a valid and unexpired press card. They must be accompanied by a public relations officer (press officer) or another person determined by the respective head, commander (chief) of the person.
- 9. The relevant units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, whose functions and tasks include monitoring and analyzing the information 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 Public Relations Department of the Armed Forces of Ukraine for further generalization in the shortest possible time.
- 10. The relevant units of the National Police of Ukraine shall ensure the operation of a hotline to check the accreditation status of media representatives.
- 11. In order to facilitate the work of media representatives, media representatives who have valid press cards of the Armed Forces of Ukraine of 2022 may be allowed to work in combat zones until May 1, 2023.

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

Appendix 4 to the order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine dated 03.03.2022 No.73

RULES

of the work of a mass media representative in the combat zones

1. Rights of a media representative.

A representative of the mass media (hereinafter referred to as the media representative) 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.

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 relations department (press service) of the military unit in the area of its responsibility;

inform the head of the public relations department (press service) of 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 relations service (press service).

3. 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 during the legal regime of martial law shall not be subject to disclosure and is defined in the following documents:

Article 17 of the Law of Ukraine "On Combating Terrorism";

the Code of information constituting state secrets, as approved by order No. 440 of the Security Service of Ukraine of August 12, 2005, and registered at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on August 17, 2005 under No. 902/11182 (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. 48 of June 26, 2012 (as amended);

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. 408 of 22.11.2017;

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 tasks assigned during the legal regime of martial law (Appendix 2 to this Order).

4. 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 formations 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 and other defense components are not responsible for the safety, life, and health, as well as the issue of returning and insuring the life, health, and property of public figures whose opinions are listened to by the public (opinion leaders, bloggers, etc.), and this is solely their responsibility.

If there is a real possibility, the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other components of the defense forces may provide public figures (opinion leaders, bloggers, etc.) with protection, emergency medical care, and evacuation to an appropriate medical facility.

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

Appendix 5 to the order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine dated 03.03.2022 No.73

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 / Hasba 3MI
- 3. Speciality / Посада
- 4. Citizenship (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 / копії паспорту (1-3 сторінки) або ID картки;
- journalist's (media) ID / посвідчення представника ЗМІ;
- letter by Editor-in-chief with a request for the accreditation/ Лист-клопотання керівника (редактора) ЗМІ щодо акредитації.

Please, send completed accreditations in .DOC format / Просимо надсилати заповнені акредитації у форматі .DOC.

<u>Ітротант/Важливо:</u> the accreditation can be provided and remains valid only for media representatives equipped with body vests and helmets/акредитація надається і ϵ чинною лише для тих представників ЗМІ, які мають бронежилети та шоломи.

!!!!!!!!!!!!!NOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- 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.

Appendix 6 to the order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine dated 03.03.2022 No.73

The press card's form



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

Appendix 7 to the order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine dated 03.03.2022 No.73

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 or other persons carrying out information activities in the interests of the mass media shall submit an official written request in printed or electronic form (by email, which indicated on the official information sources of the Ministry of Defence 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 relations 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, the name of the media and the number of the accreditation press card of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

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 (commentary), indicating whether prior consent for the interview (commentary) 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 relations unit (press service).

In the case of the commander (chief)'s positive decision, a report is submitted to the higher commander (chief) in the established order to obtain permission.

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 relations service (press service).

The decision to grant permission is taken by the commander of the group of troops (forces), taking into account 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 relations 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 relations 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 relations unit sends the request to the relevant official authorized to make a decision on the conduct of the events as soon as possible, taking into account the operational situation.

Based on the results of the review of the request, the relevant official makes a decision, about which the public relations unit informs the relevant mass media orally, in writing, by telephone or by email.

- 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 units and subordinate organizational structures.

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 on the basis of 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. In order to obtain permission to visit the facility of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, media representatives submit an official written request to the relevant public relations unit in printed or electronic form (by fax, email) in accordance with Section 2 of this Procedure.

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