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## Agreement between the Member States of the Council of Europe on the issue to Military and Civilian War-Disabled of an International Book of Vouchers for the repair of Prosthetic and Orthopaedic Appliances

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#### Annex

# Regulations concerning the use of the international book of vouchers for the repair of prosthetic and orthopaedic appliances

#### Article 1

The purpose of this book, a specimen copy of which is attached hereto, is to enable any military or civilian war-disabled, when travelling or temporarily residing abroad, to have their prosthetic or orthopaedic appliances repaired free of charge.

The disabled person is only entitled to repairs that have become suddenly and unexpectedly necessary.

#### Article 2

This book shall be issued by the competent organisation responsible for providing such appliances to any military or civilian war-disabled within its purview who wishes to travel or temporarily reside abroad.

#### Article 3

This book must comply with the following specifications:

- colour: white
- dimensions: height: 25 cm, width: 18 cm
- number of pages: 5

It will be printed in the language or languages prescribed by the law of the issuing Contracting Party and in one of the official languages of the Council of Europe.

#### Article 4

This book must remain in the possession of its holder, i.e. it may not be kept by a doctor or orthopaedist.

## Article 5

The holder of this book, which must not be defaced or altered, is entitled to have the prosthetic or orthopaedic appliances which he has to wear in connection with his war disability, repaired free of charge by the supplier approved by the official organisations of the country where he has his temporary residence.

## Article 6

In order to obtain repayment of the cost of the repairs carried out, the supplier should send Coupon No. 2 of the book to the competent organisation responsible in his country for the supply of appliances to military and civilian war-disabled.

This Coupon No. 2, and also Coupon No. 1, must bear details of the nature and cost of repairs carried out. The supplier may only charge the price refunded by the competent organisation responsible in his country for the supply of appliances to military and civilian wardisabled nationals.

## Article 7

The competent organisation of the supplier's country, responsible for the supply of appliances to military and civilian war-disabled, will check the necessity and suitability of the price demanded and will pay to the supplier the cost of repairs carried out.

## Article 8

The Contracting Parties will each year settle among themselves the accounts arising from the costs of repairs carried out for the benefit of their war-disabled and will determine, where necessary, the authorities competent for that purpose.

## Article 9

Books will not be renewed until fully used up and duly handed in, with the counterfoils intact, to the holder's organisation mentioned under Article 2.

## Article 10

As soon as he returns to his home country the war-disabled person is to report any repairs which may have been carried out to the competent organisation of his home country, sending in the book of vouchers at the same time.

## Article 11

Any person fraudulently acquiring or using this book may render himself liable to prosecution under the laws and regulations in force in the country of the organisation mentioned under Article 2.

In the case of fraudulent use of the book, the costs involved shall be refunded by the wardisabled person; these costs can be reclaimed from him through administrative channels.

Repeated or gross misuse of the book may lead to its withdrawal.

#### ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING APPLIANCES FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN WAR-DISABLED (full address)

COUNTRY

#### INTERNATIONAL BOOK OF VOUCHERS FOR THE REPAIR OF PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOPAEDIC APPLIANCES

(Agreement between the member States of the Council of Europe)

Surname of holder ..... Christian name ..... Address ....

N.B. This book is supplied to military and civilian war-disabled who wish to go abroad or live abroad temporarily; it is valid in the following countries:

No. of pages .....

#### Important :

The holder of this book, which must not be defaced or altered, is entitled to have the prosthetic and orthopaedic appliances which he has to wear in connection with his war disability, repaired free of charge by the supplier accredited by the official organisations of the country where he has his temporary residence.

Description and type of these appliances .....

#### This book is not transferable.

As soon as he returns to his home country, the war-disabled person is required to report any repairs which may have been carried out to the competent organisation of his home country, at the same time sending in the book of vouchers.

#### Penalties

Any person fraudulently acquiring or using this book may render himself liable to prosecution under the laws and regulations in force in the country of the organisation which issued this book.

In the case of fraudulent use of the book the costs involved shall be refunded by the wardisabled person; these costs can be reclaimed from him through administrative channels.

Repeated or gross misuse of the book may lead to its withdrawal.

Surname of holder: Christian names: Occupation: Address: Book issued by:		(Stamp of organisation responsible for supplying appliances to military and civilian war-disabled)	
Signature:			
(Stamp of the firm carryir	ng out the repair)	No. 00001	
Cost of repair:	Date:		
Repair voucher: No. 00001:	(COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) (Organisation responsible for supplying appliances to military and civilian	Repair voucher: No. 00001:	(COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) (Organisation responsible for supplying appliances to military and civilian
Coupon No. 1	war-disabled)	Coupon No. 2	war-disabled)
Surname of holder:		Surname of holder:	
Christian names:		Christian names:	
Address:		Address:	
Description and type of appliance to be repaired:		Description and type of appliance to be repaired:	
Date of repair:		Date of repair:	
Nature of repair:		Nature of repair:	
Cost of repair:		Cost of repair:	
(Stamp of the firm)		(Stamp of the firm)	
Supplier's signature:		Supplier's signature:	
Holder's signature:		Holder's signature:	
To be retained by the supplier			
In order to obtain repayment of the cost of repairs carried out, the supplier should send Coupon No. 2 to the competent organisation responsible in his country for supplying appliances to the disabled.		Upon receipt of this coupon duly completed, the organisation responsible for the supply of appliances to the disabled will pay to the supplier the cost of repairs carried out.	