MILPERSMAN 1300-190

COMMAND SPONSORSHIP OF DEPENDENTS AT OVERSEAS DUTY STATIONS - POLICIES ON TRANSPORTATION AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE

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| References | (a) Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR) |
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| | (b) DoDI 1315.18 of 12 Jan 2005 |

1. <u>Policy Applicability</u>. The policies addressed below apply to command sponsorship and dependent/household goods (HHG) transportation at Government expense.

2. Traveling at Government Expense

- a. Only command-sponsored dependents that were dependents on the effective date of orders may travel at Government expense. See reference (a), Appendix A for definition of effective date of orders.
- b. Dependent travel at Government expense will not occur if the dependents are not sponsored, the member has less than 12 months remaining on station after dependents are scheduled to arrive in the vicinity of the permanent duty station (PDS), or the member has received permanent change of station (PCS) orders to a different PDS.
- c. **Exception:** The exception is provided in reference (a), chapter 5 or chapter 6, pertaining to moves from non-command-sponsored to command-sponsored areas or evacuation.

3. Limitation on Shipping HHG

a. Shipment of HHG shall not be provided to an overseas area unless the Service member has at least 12 months scheduled

to remain on the tour after the scheduled arrival of the HHG, except as noted above.

b. The Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy , Military Personnel Policy may grant exceptions on an individual basis and in cases involving organized unit moves. Such requests should be forwarded via Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV (N13)).

4. Temporary Denials of Sponsorship or Entry

- a. If command sponsorship or dependent entry approval is temporarily denied for a period of 20 or more weeks from the date the Service member reports to the port of debarkation for the overseas PDS, travel, and transportation entitlements for dependents to a designated place in the continental United States are contained in reference (a), Chapter 5.
- b. Commanders, temporarily denying command sponsorship or dependent entry approval, will indicate the period of denial, less than 20 weeks or 20 weeks or more, and will address any entitlements which accrue as a result.
- c. Temporary denial of command sponsorship makes the overseas area "restricted" within the meaning of reference (a), for members and dependents concerned during the operative period of the denial. The subsequent granting of command sponsorship or dependent entry approval lifts the "restricted" status, and transportation may be provided if the provision of above paragraph 3, Limitations on Shipping HHG, is satisfied.
- d. As required per reference (b), approval of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) (ASD (FM&P)) will be obtained by the overseas command, via the appropriate chain of command, when the presence of all command-sponsored dependents in a location becomes undesirable and authority is sought to withhold permission for any further movement of command-sponsored dependents to the location.
- 5. <u>Unaccompanied to Accompanied Tour Change</u>. If a Service member is ordered to an overseas location that does not have an accompanied tour prescribed, the Service member may, after an accompanied tour is prescribed by ASD (FM&P), request the accompanied tour.

- a. If that tour is authorized, travel and transportation of dependents and shipment of HHG may be authorized to the overseas PDS regardless of previous movement at Government expense to another location. See paragraphs 2 and 3 regarding requirements for dependent travel and shipment of HHG at Government expense.
- b. The Service member must have sufficient obligated service for and agree to serve the prescribed accompanied tour.
- c. The conditions of MILPERSMAN 1300-170 must be satisfied before command sponsorship is granted.