



USCENTCOM CUSTOMS





CENTCOM CUSTOMS OPS

Goal of the Customs Pre-Clearance Program: To simplify the redeployment of Department of Defense personnel and materiel, eliminate the introduction of agricultural pest, diseases, illegal drugs and contraband.

Purpose: Advise and Assist USCENTCOM Directors in the development of an effective military CBCP

- Ensure compliance with procedures outlined in DoD 4500.9R
- Ensure personal property, house hold goods, and unaccompanied baggage are agriculturally cleared

Intent: The intent of the Pre-Clearance Customs Program is to simplify the redeployment of DoD personnel and materiel, cooperate with USTRANSCOM policy to eliminate the introduction of agricultural pest, disease, illegal drugs, and contraband. To ensure DoD personnel follow and enforce the requirements of CCR 600-10.



PRE-CLEARANCE MISSION

- **Eliminate** the introduction of agriculture pests, disease and the flow of illegal drugs and contraband on military cargo, personal effects, household goods and POVs
- **Minimize** inconvenience of DOD personnel and delays in movement of DOD cargo by Port of Entry Authorities.
- **Advise and assist** Commanders in developing effective Customs and Border Clearance Programs
- **Comply** with DTR 4500.9-R, Part V (Customs and Border Clearance Policies and Procedures)



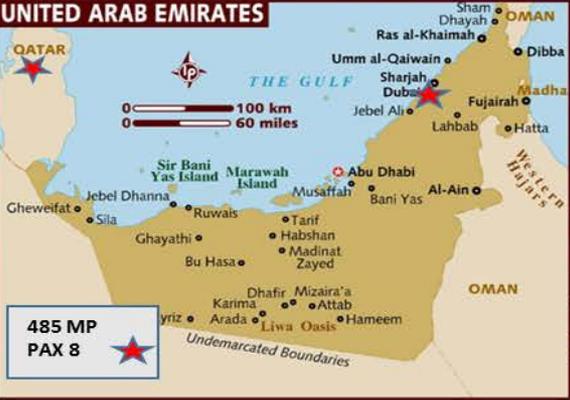
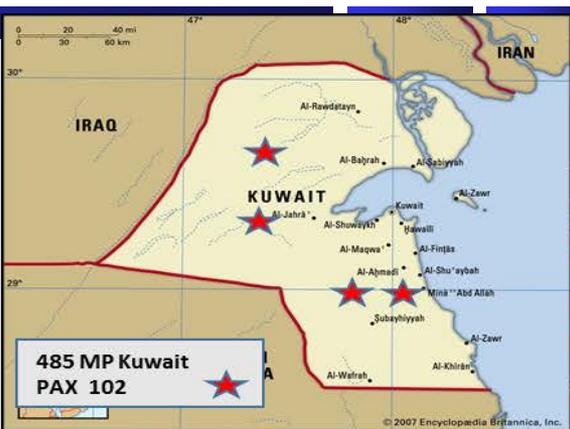
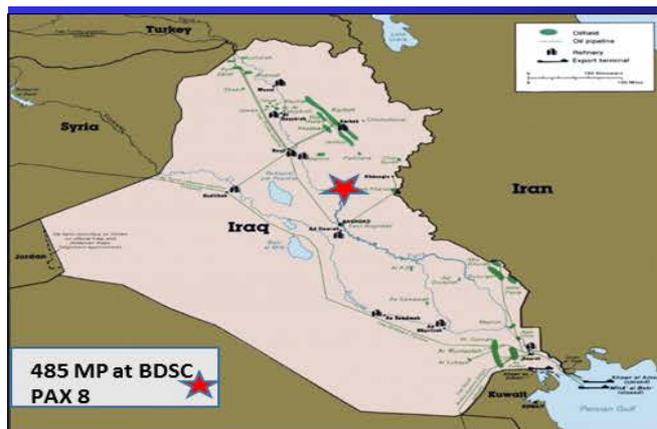
CBCA REFERENCES

- Defense Transportation Regulation (DTR) 4500.9-R-Part V, Customs, DOD Customs and Border Clearance Policies and Procedures
- CCR 600-10, Customs & Border Clearance Program (CBCP)
- Technical Information Manual No. 31 (Contingency Retrograde Wash downs)
- Guide for Customs Border Clearance Agents
- AR 700-93 Processing and Shipping DOD-Sponsored Retrograde Material
- AFCENT Aerial Port Letter of Instruction





CURRENT OPERATIONS





SITE REQUIREMENTS/PROCESS

- CBCAs will conduct 100% inspections of all checked baggage. CBCAs will physically examine at least 10% of all redeploying checked baggage at the pre-clearance site. Approved CBP, USDA or TSA technology is authorized to perform checked baggage inspections.
- Prior to packaging cargo, the CBCA will conduct an examination to ensure compliance with USDA, CBP, and USCENTCOM importation requirements.



PROHIBITED ARTICLES

- Obscene or immoral articles, books, pictures, film, drawings, picture of a drawing, or publications. Prohibited obscene materials are defined as pictorial matter devoted solely to the portrayal of sexual acts, and sexual acts involving children or animals. Obscene material is not limited to the mere exposure of the genitals in a grotesque manner. Playboy, Penthouse, and Hustler magazines, and sexual gadgetry are prohibited for obvious reasons. All pornography is prohibited. Pornography includes any means or medium that displays genitalia, uncovered female breast, or any sexual act.
- Wildlife, wildlife parts and products originating from a species on the endangered species list
- Articles, objects, and/or goods originating from embargoed countries such as *Cuba, Iran, Libya, Burma, and North Korea. Located in DTR Part V.

**Note: Items originating from Cuba continued to be prohibited until the Treasury and Commerce Department regulations are updated and incorporated into applicable policies*



PROHIBITED ARTICLES

- Counterfeits
 - One trademarked item only, regardless of brand/category
- Koran (handle with care)
- Treasonable Literature
- Toxic or Poisonous Substances
- Archeological Artifacts and National Treasures
- Explosives, Weapons, Ammunitions (*exceptions*)
- Personal Effects of Enemy Soldiers to Include Body Parts
- Butterfly Knives
- Stolen Merchandise
- Articles or Medicines for Induction of Abortions



HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS & TROPHIES

- General Order 1C, states “taking or retaining of individual souvenir/war trophies is prohibited”—however; unit can request retention of historical artifacts
- CDRCENTCOM retains final approval authority for designating captured items as unit historical artifacts
- Unit must notify ARCENT of intention to retain unit historical artifacts via message to ARCENT PMO
- Turn-in denied items to a Historical Artifact Collection Point



TROPHIES/SOUVENIRS WAIVER

WAR SOUVENIR REGISTRATION/AUTHORIZATION		
PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT		
AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C., Part IV, Chapter 153, Sec. 2579; DODD 5030-49; DOD 4500.0R; E.O. 0337.		
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): To register and authorize an individual to retain a war souvenir and return item to the United States.		
ROUTINE USE(S): None. The DoD "blanket Routine Uses" set forth at the beginning of OIG's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.		
DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, without the requested information the theater command does not have a means to provide proof that you are authorized to retain the war souvenirs. Without the proof of authorization, items will be seized when going through customs.		
INSTRUCTIONS: This form will be prepared for all types of war souvenirs. Original copy to Owner; Copy 1 with the souvenir; Copy 2 retained by the issuing unit.		
1. THEATER AND INCLUSIVE PERIOD OF SERVICE IN OVERSEAS COMMAND		
2. NAME OF OWNER (Last, First, Middle Initial) IANACONE, GARRETT, M	3. SSN 229.39.9995	4. GRADE/RANK O-3/CAPT
5. UNIT/ORGANIZATION 22STS/720STG	6. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS (Include ZIP Code) 341 PITTSBURGER DR JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD 98438	
7. WAR SOUVENIR(S)		
a. ITEM DESCRIPTION	b. SN	c. HOW ACQUIRED
(1) USSR SHOTGUN 12 GAUGE	SN: 72111	UNIT WAR GIFT ✓
(2) RUSSIAN RPG	SN: RE-85	UNIT WAR GIFT ✓
(3) MACHINE GUN	SN: KC524	UNIT WAR GIFT ✓
(4) RPG MODEL HY	SN: 708642/705583	UNIT WAR GIFT ✓
(5) RUSSIAN AK-47	SN: 380648	UNIT WAR GIFT ✓
(6) AK-47	SN: 0124309-91	UNIT WAR GIFT ✓
(7) AK-47 W/BAYONET	SN: 056736-88	UNIT WAR GIFT ✓
(8) CHINESE AK-47	SN: 17175588	UNIT WAR GIFT ✓
(9) MINI SHOTGUN	SN: 14	UNIT WAR GIFT ✓
(10) ANTIQUE HANDGUN	SN: 1818	UNIT WAR GIFT ✓
8. CERTIFICATION I, as Commander/Receiving/Reviewing Officer, do hereby certify that: (1) The above items have little or no intelligence value; (2) The retention of the above items is in compliance with military customs, traditions, regulations and the Law of Armed Conflict; (3) The above retained items are non-lethal and relatively inexpensive, and are not otherwise prohibited by law; (4) The retained items are not of value or serviceable for use; (5) The listed items are not unauthorized war souvenirs.		
a. SIGNATURE OF OWNER <i>Garrett M. Ianacone</i>	b. SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING/REVIEWING OFFICER <i>Garrett M. Ianacone</i>	c. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20150322
d. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION OF RECEIVING/REVIEWING OFFICER IANACONE, GARRETT, M O-3 22STS	e. STATION JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD	
9. AUTHENTICATING OFFICIAL		
a. SIGNING AS (Of use) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMANDER <input type="checkbox"/> LTC OR ABOVE (O-4+)	b. SIGNATURE <i>Garrett M. Ianacone</i>	



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
22nd EXPEDITIONARY SPECIAL TACTICS SQUADRON
BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN

CJSOAC-A

21 March 2015

MEMORANDUM THRU: USFOR-A Customs Program Manager Kabul, Afghanistan APO AE 09156

FOR: USCENCOM CCG3-JS-SO. 7115 South Boundary Blvd. MacDill, AFB FL 33621-5101

SUBJECT: Request for Unit War Trophy

1. 720th Special Tactics Group, 22 Special Tactics Squadron requests retention of the below objects to the squadron's museum. We agree to act as the custodial unit and appoint an Artifact Responsible Officer (ARO). The artifact has little or no intelligence value; is in compliance with military customs, traditions, regulations, and the Law of Armed Conflict, the retained items are not of value or serviceable. They are not otherwise prohibited by law.

2. The items were validly captured on the battlefield and serve no additional purpose to appropriate authorities.

3. The commander will assign physical security of the objects until turned over to the property book holder at the receiving squadron museum.

4. The artifacts listed below:

Artifact description	Serial Number	Capturing Unit	Unit UIC
12 GAUGE SHOTGUN	72111	22STS	0022BSTS
RUSSIAN RPG	RE-85	22STS	0022BSTS
MACHINE GUN	KC524	22STS	0022BSTS
RPG MODEL HY	708642/705583	22STS	0022BSTS
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MINI SHOTGUN	14	22STS	0022BSTS
ANTIQUE HANDGUN	1818	22STS	0022BSTS

5. The items have been demilitarized and a certificate by a certified armorer is provided. Photos are also attached.

6. The point of contact for the memorandum is the undersigned at DSN 700-787-3813.

Air Power is the Power of Airmen



GIFTED ITEMS

- Acceptance of gifts is done IAW DoD and Service Component regulations in the respective AOR and/or military operation
- Unit can request retention of gifted items
- Service Component Commanders (i.e. AFCENT, ARCENT, etc.) retain final approval authority for authorizing gifted items for unit retention and redeployment
- Unit must notify their Service Component of intention to retain gifted items via message to respective PMO
- Turn-in denied items to a Historical Artifact Collection Point



ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Powders
 - Consumable (i.e. drink mixes, supplements)
 - Sealed only
 - Not consumable (i.e. foot, body)
 - Can be open – must inspect
- Foreign Currency
 - Should be in circulation
 - \$10K rule applies
- Switch/Spring-Assisted Knives (19 CFR 12.98)
 - Single-edged, folding with blade towards grip
 - Does not require DD Form 603-1





ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Swords & Bayonets (fixed blade knives)
 - Checked baggage – sheathed or encased



- Furs
 - In accordance with CITES



- Casings (ATF Publication 5300.4)
 - Small caliber casings used for memorials
 - Prior to importation, rendered useless beyond possibility of restoration for use as cartridge or shell casing by means of heating, flame treatment, mangling, crushing, cutting, or popping





ITEMS OF INTEREST

Clearance of Expended Shell Casings

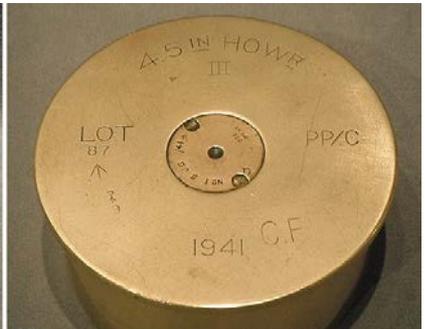
- Authority: USCENTCOM Reg 600-10 & DoD M 4160.28, V1
- CBCAs will ensure casing has been demilitarized and that the appropriate documentation has been completed.
- Demilitarization will include:
 - Hole drilled thru primer larger than original primer & one of the following:
 1. Shell cut down from original (ie. 105mm or 40mm down to Stein or Shot glass size) **OR**
 2. ¼” hole drilled in the side of the casing



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Authorized →

Prohibited ↓





REDEPLOYMENT PROCESS

- Notify local Customs OIC/NCOIC NLT 48-72 hours prior to staging time for pallet build up or start of container loading
- Brief unit personnel on activities prohibited by General Order #1C, with emphasis that the taking or retaining of souvenirs or war trophies by individuals is prohibited
- Appoint designated individuals to inspect unit equipment during packing, pallet buildups and container loading
- Inspect, prior to departing the unit area for the air passenger terminal, each individual and their individual carry on baggage for prohibited items. CBCA will also inspect individual carry on baggage at the air passenger terminal
- **Amnesty Boxes** will always be made available prior to any pre-clearance action by CBCAs





CUSTOMS INSPECTIONS

Location	Pax	Bags	Containers	Pallets	Rolling Stock	Pieces of Equip	Amnesty	Seized
Kuwait	5001	15418	867	428	61	105239	12910	274
Afghanistan	6672	16063	178	36	2	1	315	239
Jordan	309	2384	478	10	31	10849	3494	1
UAE	8	200	59	0	0	630	65	764
Bahrain	651	1501	84	22	0	19	118	29
Qatar	0	82	11	8	0	25	0	0
Iraq	0	1260	45	8	0	216	146	0
TOTAL	12641	36908	1722	512	94	16979	17048	1307



AOR CONTRABAND

Contraband Items by Category	Amnesty	Seized
Shell Casings	80	0
Weapon Parts	56	0
Pirated Items/Copyright Infringement	0	0
Lighters/Lighter Fluid	87	0
Drug Paraphernalia	0	0
Unauthorized Foreign/Historic Artifacts	33	0
Explosives	0	0
HAZMAT	436	0
Other	587	5
Unclassified Documents/Maps	102	0
Organic Material	1172	0
Live Ammunition	1413	256
Weapons (incl. Knives & Self Defense)	20	1
Undeclared Money (over \$10,000)	0	0
Illegal Drugs	0	0
Miscellaneous Tools	32	0
Alcohol	18	0
Pornography	2	0
Unauthorized Liquids/Gels/Aerosols	291	0
Classified Material	144	13
Embargoed Items	0	0
Unauthorized Pills	7412	0



PASSENGER PRE-CLEARANCE

1. Physical Requirements for Terminal Operations
 - a. Sterile area w/ latrines, water, trash cans, designated smoking area
 - b. Inspection/examination area
 - c. Briefing area with Restricted/Prohibited Article signs clearly posted

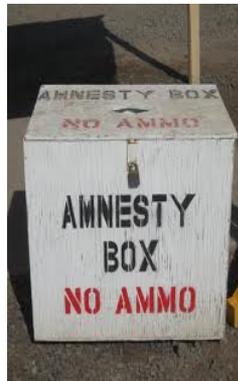
2. PAX and crew members utilizing DOD owned or controlled air transportation to enter CTUS will be inspected/examined as appropriate prior to entering the aircraft





PASSENGER PRE-CLEARANCE

3. Prior to any actions by the CBCAs, all personnel will receive a customs brief explaining prohibited and restricted items and the pre-clearance process
4. At minimum, 10% of all checked baggage will be examined
5. 100% hand carried items will be examined





PASSENGER PRE-CLEARANCE

6. Once inspection/examination is completed, PAX stay within designated sterile area. If person departs area, they will again be examined/inspected/new declaration be prepared
7. Civilian PAX also receive inspection/examinations
8. Cases where examination of person is conducted, dignity will be preserved and no force or abusive language will be used
9. CBCA direct inspection/examination procedures at all times





PASSENGER PRE-CLEARANCE

10. CBCAs will seize all contraband and restricted/prohibited items found during inspections/examinations
 - a. CBCAs will notify Customs chain of command
 - b. Individuals processed IAW the provisions of Customs SOP and local military police guidelines





CLASSIFIED/SENSITIVE MISSIONS

- CBCAs will adhere to the following procedures when pre-clearing classified and sensitive missions:
 - Personnel in possession of classified documents or equipment will be customs pre-cleared with the presentation of **valid courier cards or appointment letters** as a classified documents custodian from an approval authority. **CBCAs are not authorized to open classified documents**. If appointment documents are not legible or suspicious in nature, individual will be detained and coordination will be made with Military Police for disposition.
 - Classified documents found during inspections will be reported immediately to the chain of command, Military Police, and local counterintelligence office (OSI, NCIS, CID) if available. Appointed CBCA Classified custodians will be issued courier cards or letters and will retain and secure the classified documents IAW security standards of AR 190-11.



WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL (WPM)

- ISPM #15 Certification Making assures WPM is pest free
- Stamp is the approved International symbol for complaint WPM
 - The letters “US” or host nation 2 letter country code in bold
 - The packaging activity’s DoDAAC
 - Either “HT” denoting Heat Treated, “DH” denoting Dielectric Heating or “MB” denoting fumigated with Methyl Bromide
 - “DoD” represents the logo of the company who certified the WPM
 - “DUNNAGE” or “DUN” to be used only on dunnage





WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL (WPM)

- CBCAs do not certified WPM, but rather validate WPM as complainant with ISPM #15 standards
- CBCAs will:
 - Inspect all WPM for compliance with ISPM #15 standards by locating the ISPM #15 Certification Marking
 - WPM without ISPM #15 Certification Markings requires written proof of compliance by the owning organization
 - If written proof of compliance is provided, CBCAs will stamp WPM with appropriate ISPM #15 Certification Markings
 - If written proof of compliance is not provided, CBCAs will deny pre-clearance until appropriate WPM is utilize in packaging





CARGO PRE-CLEARANCE

DD Form 2855

- *Never* pre-stamp DD Form 2855s
- CBCAs place stamp and sign DD Form 2855 once cargo is cleared by CBCAs
- Placed over cargo band and ensure its visibility
- Affixed with glue





DD FORM 2855

U.S. MILITARY AGRICULTURE AND CUSTOMS PRECLEARANCE PROGRAM

Authorized use only in accordance with DoD 4500.9-R, Part V Chapters 505 and 506.

- The U.S. Government property to which this label has been affixed meets the entry requirements of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.
- The U.S. Government property to which this label has been affixed meets the entry requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

1. INSPECTOR'S RANK AND NAME Capt John Doe	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20140922
3. ORIGIN FOB Sykes, Iraq	4. DESTINATION JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
5. INSPECTOR'S STAMP <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">CENTCOM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">US Military Preclearance Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Precleared for: USDA and CBP</p> <hr/> <p>Signature: <i>John Doe</i></p> <p>Print: Capt John Doe</p> </div>	6. REMARKS Container SN #: 008422 Seal #s: D03215K

Reset



CARGO PRE-CLEARANCE

Seals

- Used to secure pallets to detect tampering
- On all Conexes and Milvans
- Placed on vehicle compartments that can be secured
- Seals are recorded on DD Form 2855





CARGO PRE-CLEARANCE

- No Mixing of Government & Personal Property
 - Individual Equipment Deployed in support of Cooperative Response may be placed in Unit Containers at discretion of the Unit Commander
- Once the container is in the sterile area, tampering or opening the container is forbidden
 - If the seal is broken on a container, re-examination is required as is a new 2855





PRE-CLEARANCE - VEHICLES



Standard is to clean until the water runs clear!



PRE-CLEARANCE - VEHICLES

- All vehicles must pass an agriculture examination before movement
 - Vehicles will have no soil, sand, vegetable matter, or insect parts
 - Grease is NOT considered soil/dirt
 - Units will remove all equipment from vehicles and open all compartments IAW CBCA instructions prior to the examination being conducted
- Items NOT properly cleaned overseas, will be held at first U.S. POE until cleaned
- Once vehicle finishes in wash site and examined, DD Form 2855 is affixed to the vehicle and signed by an CBCA
- Vehicle is placed in guarded sterile area under control of CBCA personnel
- If DD Form 2855 is removed, or if sterility is compromised at any time, vehicle must be re-examined and a new form affixed



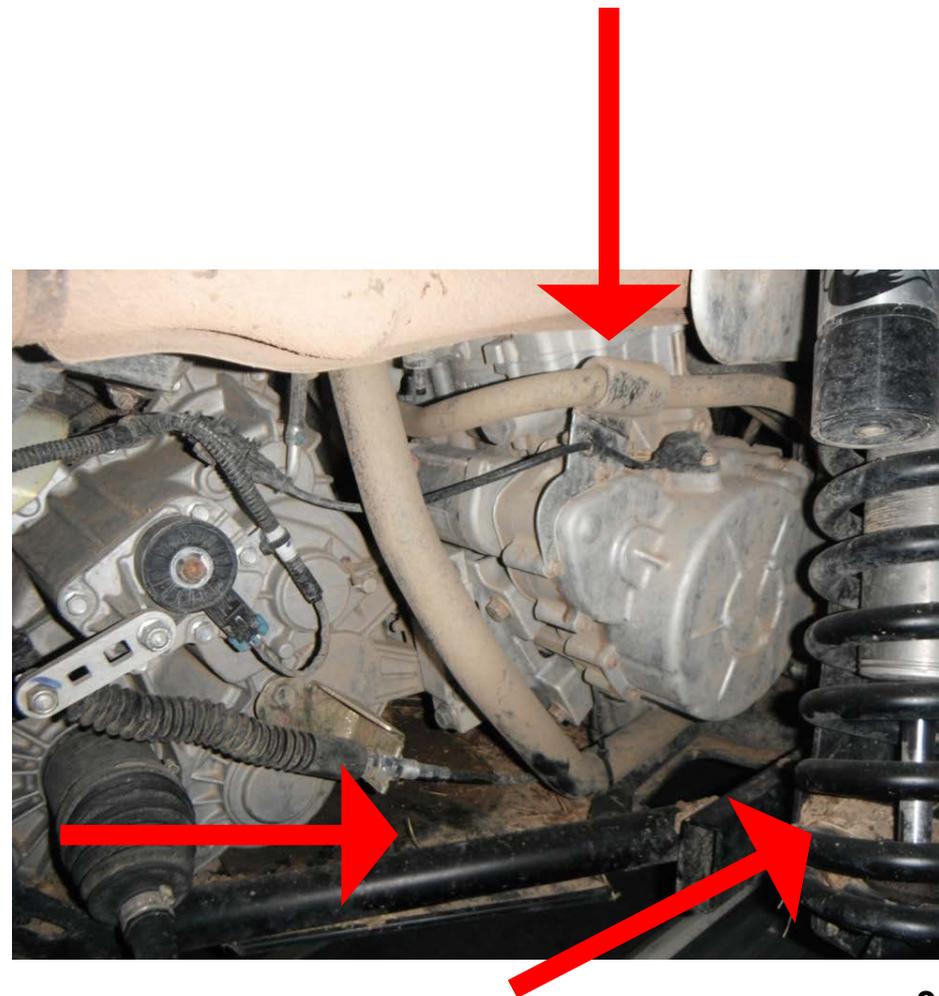
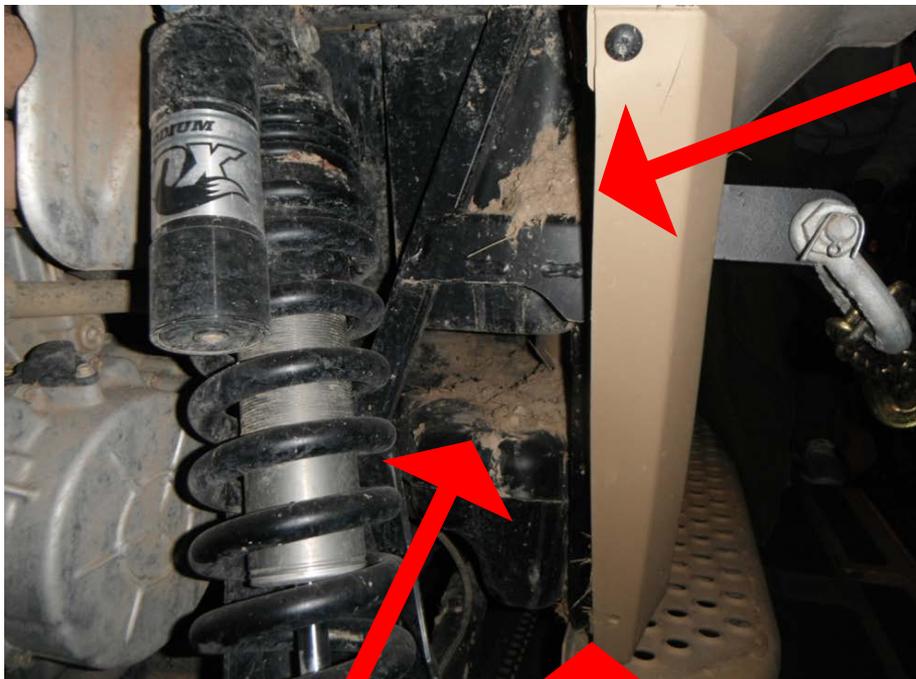
INCIDENTS & SHORTFALLS

A flight originating from the USCENTCOM AOR before transiting Turkey was stopped for not being pre-cleared prior to transiting back to CONUS. The flight transited Spangdahlem, AB, Germany via Turkey enroute to Ft Bragg, NC. The flight was scheduled for initial entry into CONUS via Ft Bragg, NC. Upon closer inspection, the cargo did not meet USDA Standards with two (2) ATVs aboard. Both vehicles had significant amount of soil and vegetation compacted in the undercarriage. There was no obvious signs of pests at the time of the inspection. Cargo and aircrew had no pre-clearance paperwork and did not meet minimum USDA cleaning standards.





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VIEW FROM FRONT OF AIRCRAFT

HMMWV IN WORST CONDITION



CAKED-ON WET DIRT ON UNDERCARRIAGE OF HMMWVs

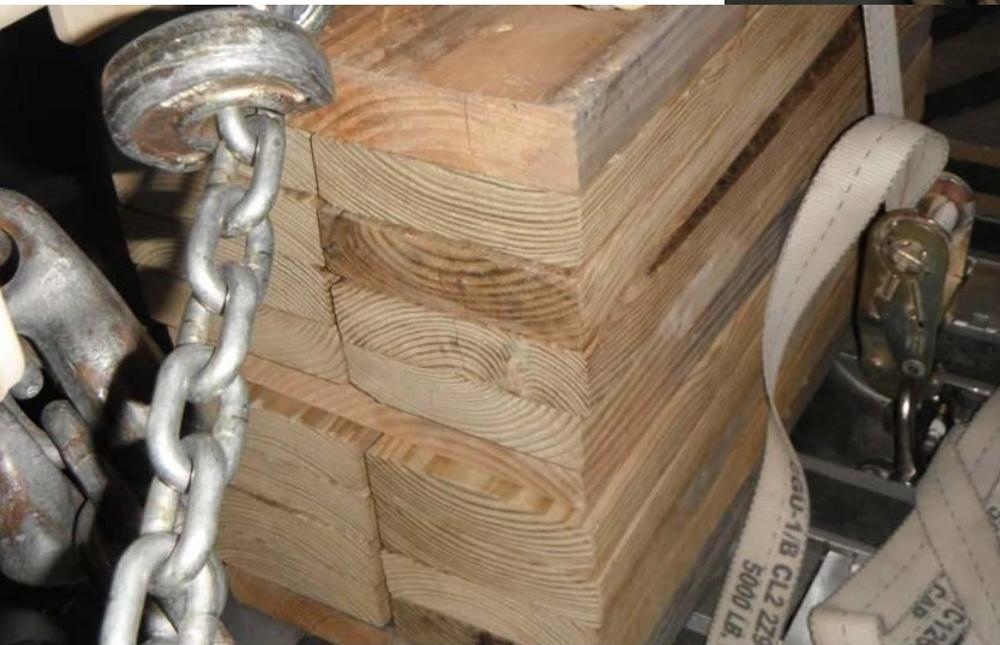


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CAKED-ON/CLUMPED-UP DIRT ON UNDERCARRIAGE OF HMMWVs



(DIRT ALSO INSIDE OF THE HOLES)



**NON-IPPC COMPLIANT WPM UNDER VEHICLES
(LOOKS LIKE COMPRESSED WOOD, BUT RINGS PROVE OTHERWISE)**



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Hand Grenade / Checked Baggage



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Smuggled Weapons into Qatar



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Valuable Links

- DOD Customs/Border Clearance Program
 - <https://www.ustranscom.mil/cmd/associated/customs/gcc.cfm>
- Armed Forces Pest Management Board
 - <http://www.afpmb.org/content/afpmb-publications>
- U.S. Army Europe
 - <http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/custominsp.htm>



Questions

