USTRANSCOM Personal Property Advisory #22-0038A, Supersedes USTC PP Advisory #22-0038, Dated 9 March 2022

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To: All Military Service Headquarters Representatives, Worldwide Personal Property Shipping Offices (PPSOs), Personal Property Processing Offices (PPPOs), and Department of Defense (DoD) Approved Transportation Service Providers (TSPs)

Subject: Update 7-Day Spread Dates New Functionality in Defense Personal Property System (DPS)

1. These advisory addresses the updated Business Rule “Pickup Spread Dates.”

2. Customers who have completed counseling in DPS, prior to the update, will not benefit from this capability. The customer and assigned TSP should follow previous guidance issued in USTC Advisory #21-0030B.

3. Effective 10 March 2022 at 0800 CST, DPS will launch new functionality enabling the 7-day spread window in the DPS counseling module.

4. Pickup spread dates do not apply to NTS Handling In, NTS release or Direct Procurement Method shipments. TSPs will pick up all NTS release shipments by the “Desired Pickup Date”.

5. For short fuse shipments, the customer will be required to use the same process detailed in paragraph 6.

6. Customers will be counseled on how the pickup spread-date process works. At the Customer Counseling Screen in DPS, the new functionality will require the PPPOs/PPSOs/DoD customers to:

   6.1. First: Enter the LAST day of the pickup date in the “Latest Pickup Date” field. The “Earliest Pickup Date” field will be grayed out to avoid entry.

   6.2. Second: DPS will calculate the 7-day spread window automatically and enter the earliest pickup date accordingly, in the “Earliest Pickup Date” Field

   6.3. Third: Enter the “Desired Pickup Date”, which is a date between the Earliest and Latest date.

   6.4. Finally: TSP will confirm with the customer the “Actual Scheduled Pickup” date as well as the number of days required for packing during the pre-move survey.

6.5. Customer Pickup and Delivery Screen:
7. New 7-day Spread Functionality: Counselors will be required to explain to the customer how the new pickup spread date process works.

7.1. Customer and TSP may negotiate the pickup date; however, the TSP must accommodate a pickup date within the spread date window. After the pickup date has been established, the pickup date cannot be changed without the customer’s approval.

7.2. Customer should be advised the pack dates could be outside of the 7-day spread window.

7.3. Counseling Offices will advise customers of their responsibility to be available during the 7-day spread window except for weekends or holidays. TSP will not receive an administrative allocation or punitive action if the customer is not available for pick up during the 7-day window.

7.4. Counseling Offices will advise the customer, although the pickup date is inside the pickup spread-date window, pack date(s) will immediately come before the pickup date and may be before the pickup spread-date window.

7.5. TSPs may offer services on a weekend. The customer has the option to accept or decline weekend or holiday pack-days. If it is determined a TSP led the customer to believe they must accept weekend service, punitive actions may be appropriate.

7.6. If weekends or holidays are agreed upon by customer, the Counseling Offices will advise the customer whether there will be a government representative available during weekend and holidays.
7.7. Counseling Offices should advise the customer, DPS will email them when their shipment has been accepted by a TSP. The TSP will contact the customer within three (3) calendar days to confirm scheduled pickup date within the spread date window. This confirmation will be in writing to the customer.

7.8. Counseling Offices will document the customers’ DPS record with the following statement in the DD FORM 1299 remarks section, “Customer has been advised of the spread date requirements”.

7.9. Multiple Shipments: If the customer elects to use the same spread-dates for multiple shipments, the PPPO/PPSO will advise the customer to ensure the correct TSP packs the correct shipment and “do not overlap shipment pickup or pack dates”, which could result in excess cost to the customer.

7.10. Blackouts: DPS will continue to use the “Requested Pickup Date” (renamed “ Desired Pickup Date”) and associated “Pack days” when determining TSP availability, and this date will continue to reflect on the existing DD Forms as Requested Pickup Date.

7.11. Applicable rate: DPS will continue to use the “Requested Pickup Date” (renamed “ Desired Pickup Date”) when determining the applicability of peak or non-peak rates and this date will continue to reflect on the existing DD Forms as Requested Pickup Date.

8. TSPs Responsibilities:

8.1. Will confirm scheduled pickup dates within three (3) calendar days from date of shipment acceptance.

8.2. Document the agreed pickup date and the customer’s acceptance in DPS within three (3) calendar days or 24 hours prior to the shipment pickup date, whichever is sooner.

8.3. Should not print the Bill of Lading earlier than two (2) Government Business Days prior to the first pack date.

8.4. Shipments will not be scheduled by the TSP for pickup or delivery on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays unless there is a mutual agreement between the customer, PPSO, and the TSP. Agreement by the TSP and customer for weekend or holiday service does not authorize extra labor and overtime.

9. Please send questions and concerns regarding this advisory to transcom.scott.tcj9.mbx.pp-ops@mail.mil.

10. This message was approved for release by the Deputy Director for Operations, Defense Personal Property Management Office, TCJ9-O.