



## ATTACHMENT A-K1 “IT’S YOUR MOVE” ARMED FORCES MEMBERS



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## A. WHO IS THIS ATTACHMENT FOR?

This attachment was created to assist Armed Forces Members (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and United States (U.S.) Coast Guard (USCG)). It helps you understand your allowances and responsibilities involving the shipment and or storage of your household goods (HHG) and unaccompanied baggage (UB). This policy directive has been reviewed by the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) according to Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 5154.29, DoD Pay and Allowances Policy and Procedures, as PDTATAC Case RR090630. Any conflict between this directive and the Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) is resolved based on the JTR and not this directive.

## B. DEFENSE PERSONAL PROPERTY PROGRAM

1. To improve your moving experience and streamline the process for those who support it, the DoD developed a program called the “Defense Personal Property Program (DP3).” This program focuses on meeting the needs of Armed Forces Members, DoD Civilian Employees and their families by promoting a higher service quality.
2. The backbone of the DP3 is the Defense Personal Property System (DPS), which automates and simplifies your personal property move process.

## C. DEFENSE PERSONAL PROPERTY SYSTEM

1. As a centralized, integrated system, DPS supports the DP3 as the one-stop source for managing personal property moves. The United States Transportation Command has oversight of claims and Transportation Service Provider (TSP) information in one convenient location. In addition, DPS provides the convenient 24/7 access to personal property shipment information and a conduit for a direct relationship between DoD customers and TSPs throughout the entire moving process.
2. Some highlights of DPS include the ability of DoD customers to use DPS to settle claims directly online with their TSP. Claims protection includes Full Replacement Value (FRV) of lost items and/or items damaged beyond repair, direct communications and claims settlement between the customer and the TSP. DPS is the focal point for all DoD customers, TSPs, Transportation Office (TO)s, Personal Property Processing Office (PPPO), Personal Property Shipping Office (PPSO), the Service Headquarters (HQ), and others who participate in the personal property moving process.
3. Accessing DPS:
  - a. First-time DPS users must obtain a login Identification (ID) and password before accessing DPS. Go to: <https://dps.move.mil/cust>.
  - b. To obtain a login ID and password, go to <https://dps.move.mil/cust>.
  - c. Once you have accessed the DPS Landing Page, click on the “Register as a Customer” button.
  - d. The DPS User Registration page will appear.
  - e. Complete the registration, if you are attaching a certificate ensure you use attach the Authentication. Select Register when completed.
  - f. DPS User Registration Status will display confirming your account was created.
  - g. You will receive an email advising your request for access to DPS has been approved, along with instructions on how to log into DPS for the first time.

## D. INTRODUCTION

1. A successful move is not a matter of chance. It is the result of planning and hard work. At the center of these efforts is you, the customer. If you expect a good move, you must play an active role.
2. This attachment has been prepared to help you understand your allowances and responsibilities concerning the shipment and or storage of HHG and/or UB. It is also intended to help you understand your allowances and responsibilities in the event you have to file a claim for loss and/or damage.
3. For additional DPS user and personal property shipping information, please visit <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-housing/moving/pcs-and-military-moves/> or contact your local PPSO, TO, or PPPO. Additional websites are listed at the end of this attachment.
4. Your new unit may assign you a sponsor who should contact you some weeks in advance of your reporting date. A sponsor can often provide information helpful to you in arranging a smooth move. Contact your new unit if you have not heard from your sponsor within a reasonable period. It is your move. Ask questions. Read and understand what you sign. Get involved.

## E. VALUABLE TIPS

1. Have expensive and valuable items (e.g., artwork, collectibles, heirlooms) appraised. The Government does not pay for the appraisals but consider this part of your investment in the event of loss or damage. Attempt to locate original purchase receipts for your more expensive items and keep them separate from the rest of your shipment. Consider using a video camera or taking close-up pictures to record the condition of your furniture, working condition of your stereo, television and the actual appearance of your expensive and/or valuable items prior to the HHG pack/pickup dates. This could help in the event you must file a Loss/Damage Claim.
2. Do not ship small, extremely valuable items such as stocks, bonds, jewelry, coins/coin collections, and items of great sentimental value such as photo albums. Pack them in your suitcases and hand-carry them, as well as your purchase receipts, pictures, and appraisals.
3. Protecting Your PII on International Shipments. Public Law allows for certain data elements on an ocean vessel manifest that may contain PII to be shared with parties outside the DoD. To protect your PII, visit <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/automated/electronic-vessel-manifest-confidentiality>, select “Electronic Vessel Manifest Confidentiality Online Application”. Complete and submit the form online. Approvals can take up to 90 days to process, but once approved, it is good for two (2) years.

## F. WEIGHT ALLOWANCES

1. The JTR prescribes the maximum Permanent Change of Station (PCS) and Non-Temporary Storage (NTS) weight allowances that you can ship and/or store at Government expense based on the member’s grade and dependency status. The JTR also prescribes Temporary Duty (TDY) weight allowance based on the member’s grade. Weight allowances do not include Professional Books, Papers and Equipment (PBP&E/PRO-Gear) or required medical equipment.

**NOTE:** The Secretary concerned may authorize a higher weight allowance (not to exceed [NTE] 18,000 pounds) of a member below pay grade O-6, but only on a case-by-case basis. The Secretary may increase the member's PCS weight allowance if the Secretary determines that failure to increase the member's weight allowance would create a significant hardship to the member or the member's dependents.

PCS and NTS Weight Allowance (Pounds)		
Grade NOTE 1/NOTE 3	With Dependents NOTE 2	Without Dependents
<b>Officer Personnel</b>		
0-10 to 0-6	18,000	18,000
0-5/W-5	17,500	16,000
0-4/W-4	17,000	14,000
0-3/W-3	14,500	13,000
0-2/W-2	13,500	12,500
0-1/W-1/Service Academy Graduates	12,000	10,000
<b>Enlisted Personnel</b>		
E-9	15,000 <b>Note 4</b>	13,000 <b>Note 4</b>
E-8	14,000	12,000
E-7	13,000	11,000
E-6	11,000	8,000
E-5	9,000	7,000
E-4	8,000	7,000
E-3 to E-1	8,000	5,000
Aviation Cadets	8,000	7,000
Service Academy Cadets/Midshipmen		350

**NOTE 1:** Includes a Uniformed Service regular and Reserve Component member, and an officer holding a temporary commission in the U.S. Army/Air Force.

**NOTE 2:** For this table, a member “with dependents” is a member who has a dependent eligible to travel at Government expense incident to the member’s PCS. Actual dependent travel has no bearing. Incident to a member’s first PCS after:

1. The death(s) of all the member's dependent(s), or
2. A member left with no dependent(s) eligible to travel at Government expense after a divorce has the weight allowance of a member “with dependents”.

**NOTE 3:** A member appointed from an:

1. Enlisted/warrant officer grade to a commissioned officer grade, or
2. Enlisted grade to a warrant officer grade or rating is authorized the grade’s weight allowance:
  - a. Held on the member's PCS authorization/order effective date used for HHG transportation, or
  - b. From which an appointment was accepted, whichever is greater.
3. Upon reversion, the member is authorized the weight allowance of the grade held:
  - a. On the member's PCS authorization/order effective date then being used for HHG transportation, or
  - b. Before reversion, whichever is greater.

**NOTE 4:** A member selected as Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Sergeant Major of the Army, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Master Chief

Petty Officer of the Navy, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, or Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard is authorized a weight allowance of:

1. 17,000 pounds with dependents or,
2. 14,000 pounds without dependents.

for a PCS authorization/order issued on or after receiving notice of selection to that position and for the remainder of the military career.

TDY WEIGHT ALLOWANCES (POUNDS) Service and Grade NOTE 1			
Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps	Navy, Coast Guard, and National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration Corps	Public Health Service	Weight Allowance
<b>Officer Personnel</b>			
General/General of the Army	Admiral	N/A	2000 <b>NOTE 2</b>
Lieutenant General	Vice Admiral	Surgeon General	1500
Major General	Rear Admiral (upper half)	Deputy/Assistant Surgeon General	1000
Brigadier General	Rear Admiral (lower half)	Assistant Surgeon General	1000
Colonel	Captain	Director	800
Lieutenant Colonel/Warrant Officer (W-5)	Commander/Warrant Officer (W-5)	Senior	800
Major/Warrant Officer (W-4)	Lieutenant Commander/Warrant Officer (W-4)	Full	800
Captain/Warrant Officer (W-3)	Lieutenant/Warrant Officer (W-3)	Senior Assistant	600
First Lieutenant/Contract Surgeon/Warrant Officer (W-2)	Lieutenant (Junior Grade)/Warrant Officer (W-2)	Assistant	600
Second Lieutenant/Officer Graduate of Service Academy/Warrant Officer (W-1)	Ensign/Officer Graduate of Service Academy/Warrant Officer (W-1)	Junior Assistant	600
<b>Enlisted Personnel</b>			
E-9	E-9	N/A	600 <b>NOTE 3</b>
E-8	E-8	N/A	500
E-7 to E-1	E-7 to E-1	N/A	400
Aviation Cadet	Aviation Cadet	N/A	400
Service Academy Cadet/Midshipman	Service Academy Cadet/Midshipman	N/A	350

**NOTE 1:** Includes a Regular member, a member of a Uniformed Service Reserve Component, and an officer holding a temporary commission in the Army/Air Force of the United States.

**NOTE 2:** The Secretarial process may authorize additional weight up to 2,000 pounds (up to 4,000 pounds total) for the Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

**NOTE 3:** A member selected as Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Sergeant Major of the Army, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, or Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, who requires a TDY weight allowance of HHG, is authorized a weight allowance of 800 pounds for a TDY authorization/order issued on or after receiving notice of selection to that position and for the remainder of the military career.

2. You, not your TO/PPPO/PPSO or TSP, are responsible for staying within your authorized weight allowance. If the weight of items packed, shipped, or stored exceeds your weight allowance, you

are financially responsible for the payment of all charges connected with excess weight in accordance with (IAW) your Service guidance/regulations.

3. For this reason, estimating the weight of your HHG is very important. Estimates should start early, even before you visit your TO/PPPO/PPSO or before you prepare your DD Form 1299, Application for Shipment and/or Storage of Personal Property, [Figure A-K1-1](#), to ship and or store personal property in DPS. The counselor at your TO/PPPO/PPSO requires an estimated weight for each shipment you intend to make.
4. An easy and usually dependable method for making this estimate is to figure 1,500 pounds per room (not including storage rooms or bathrooms), then add the estimated weight of large appliances and items in the garage, storage rooms, basement, etc. An optional method is to use the “Weight Estimator” at <https://www.ustranscom.mil/dp3/index.cfm>.
5. Weight Estimates Not Official: Weight estimates are not official; they are planning tools only. You can never use weight estimates to refute excess weight charges.
6. [Excess Weight Can Cost Big Money:](#)
  - a. Exceeding your authorized weight allowance on a move can cost you a lot of money. Charges for excess weight can range from several hundred to several thousand dollars.
  - b. Notification of overweight charges can take many months after your move is completed. For a member who is separating from the Service and no longer remains in an active pay status, excess costs should be paid prior to the movement of HHG. Excess costs are collected IAW Service regulations. Contact your local TO/PPPO/PPSO for additional information regarding excess costs.
7. [Verify Accuracy of Excess Cost:](#)
  - a. The way to avoid excess weight charges is to stay within your authorized weight allowance by estimating early and disposing of unnecessary possessions. When you receive a notification for exceeding your weight allowance, check it carefully. Often you may not have received credit for PBP&E/PRO-Gear. The estimated weight of PBP&E/PRO-Gear must be declared in DPS.
  - b. If you have any questions concerning your excess weight, contact your local TO/PPPO/PPSO.
8. Request for Reweigh: The TO/PPPO/PPSO at origin or destination can authorize a reweigh of your personal property shipment at your request at no cost to you. This ensures a reweigh of your personal property is completed or scheduled prior to accepting delivery. If you are available when your shipment is reweighed, you have the right to witness the reweigh and/or request to see the reweigh tickets for verification.
9. [Overseas Weight Limitations:](#)
  - a. Some overseas areas impose administrative weight restrictions. If the area to which you are assigned provides Government furniture, for example, the Government may impose an administrative weight restriction, which would prevent you from shipping your full JTR weight allowance overseas. In these cases, a member is limited to HHG transportation of 2,500 pounds (net) or, 25 percent (net) of the member’s authorized weight allowance whichever is greater, plus UB transportation. If both spouses are members and are assigned to the same Outside Continental United States (OCONUS) area where they jointly occupy quarters, they are limited to one administrative weight allowance, based on the higher ranking member’s weight allowance; however, each is authorized individually to UB transportation,

PBP&E/PRO-Gear, and required medical equipment. The counselor at your TO/PPPO/PPSO can provide information on weight-restricted areas.

- b. If you are administratively weight restricted, you have the option of storing the remainder of your HHG in long-term storage called NTS, or you may ship your HHG to a designated location within the Continental United States (CONUS) for the duration of your overseas tour. UB is included in your JTR weight allowance and is considered a part of your administrative HHG weight allowance. Authorized PBP&E/PRO-Gear are not counted against the full JTR weight allowance or an administrative weight allowance. If declaring PBP&E/PRO-Gear, you must declare the items in DPS.

## G. MOTORCYCLE OR DIRT BIKE SHIPMENTS

1. Generally, motorcycles and or dirt bikes can be shipped either as a separate Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) shipment, or in your HHG shipment. However, some countries do not allow the importation of motorcycles and or dirt bikes. If shipped to a country which does not allow their importation, the entire HHG shipment and or motorcycle/dirt bike shipment may be held by the Host-Country Customs officials and may not be released until the unauthorized shipment has been corrected. This action may result in a monetary inconvenience on your part.
2. Contact your local TO/PPPO/PPSO for details based on Host-Country requirements to which being assigned to, or you may consult the Personal Property Consignment Instruction Guide (PPCIG) by visiting <https://dps.move.mil/cust>.
3. When shipping a motorcycle, the following outlines your responsibilities during the moving process:
  - a. Fuel injected models must be drained of fuel. Carbureted models must be drained down to reserve, or as low as possible. This can be done by running the engine until empty and/or using a siphoning device.
  - b. Make sure that tires are properly inflated, and vehicle is free of fluid leaks. Oil, transmission, and fuel leaks are the usual culprits that must be repaired prior to shipment.
  - c. Disconnect battery and tape ends with electrical tape to prevent sparking.
  - d. Empty saddlebags and ensure you remove all belongings. Any paperwork, keys, boxes, or spare parts need to be shipped separately. Saddlebags and windshields can stay on the motorcycle and helmets may be shipped as long as they are securely strapped to the motorcycle.  
**NOTE:** Ensure inventory reflects when helmet is attached to the motorcycle.
  - e. Ensure motorcycle is unlocked so the driver can roll onto the truck and onto the skid.
  - f. If equipped with a full style touring windshield, it is recommended that it be removed and shipped separately (crated if necessary).

## H. CONSUMABLE ITEMS

If you are assigned to a permanent duty station in a remote location listed in the JTR, Paragraph 052002, F, you are authorized to ship up to 1,250 pounds of suitable consumable goods per tour year (i.e., 12-month tour – 1,250 pounds; 18-month tour – 1,875 pounds) of assignment. These items must be packed, marked, and weighed separately. The inventory should identify them as “Consumable Items”. Contact your local TO/PPPO/PPSO for additional details if applicable.



## I. PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT (PBP&E/PRO-GEAR)

1. PBP&E is limited to 2,000 pounds net weight. It is important to identify PBP&E to the TSP on the first day of packing.

**NOTE:** Members/Employees whose travel orders were issued prior to 1 May 2014 are not subject to the PBP&E weight limitation and may include personal computers and accompanying equipment, and awards presented for significant contributions while performing official duties. Members who have transported more than 2,000 pounds of PBP&E overseas prior to the change will be grandfathered and allowed to return the same amount to the CONUS. Please see the JTR Paragraph 051304 for Members and Paragraph 054309 for Employees, for further information.

2. Member:

- a. PBP&E/PRO-Gear is defined as: HHG in a member's possession needed for the performance of official duties at the next or a later destination.
- b. If you have PBP&E/PRO-Gear to declare, you must do so in MilMove or DPS.
- c. If your estimated and declared PBP&E/PRO-Gear weighs 1,000 pounds or less, there will be no additional approval or review of your declared PRO-Gear and it may be included and packed with the rest of your HHG.
- d. If your estimated and declared PBP&E/PRO-Gear weighs more than 1,000 pounds, your Service may review your declaration and items at their discretion outside of MilMove or DPS.
- e. When PBP&E/PRO-Gear is properly declared in MilMove or DPS, the weight of PBP&E/PRO-Gear does not count against the total weight of your shipment(s). Before signing your inventory prepared by the TSP(s), be sure these items are declared as "PBP&E/PRO-Gear". The proper designation of these items and the exclusion of the weight can be very important.
- f. The following items are considered PBP&E/PRO-Gear:
  - (1) Reference material not ordinarily available at the next Permanent Duty Station (PDS).
  - (2) Instruments, tools, and equipment peculiar to technicians, mechanics, and members of the professions.
  - (3) Specialized clothing such as diving suits, astronaut's suits, flying suits and helmets, band uniforms, chaplain's vestments, and other specialized apparel not normal or usual uniform or clothing.
  - (4) Communications equipment used by a member in association with the Military Affiliated Radio System.
  - (5) Individually owned or specially issued field clothing and equipment.
  - (6) Government- or uniformed service-owned accountable Organizational Clothing and Individual Clothing property issued to the employee or member by the Service/DoD component for official use.

**NOTE:** Excluded from PBP&E/PRO-Gear are:

- (a) Commercial products for sale/resale used in conducting business.
- (b) Sports equipment.
- (c) Office furniture.

- (d) Household furniture.
- (e) Shop fixtures.
- (f) Furniture of any kind even though used in connection with (ICW) the PBP&E (e.g., bookcases, study/computer desks, file cabinets, and racks).
- (g) Personal computer equipment and peripheral devices.
- (h) Memorabilia, including awards, plaques, or other objects presented for past performance (includes any type of going-away gifts, office decorations, pictures, etc.)
- (i) Table service, including flatware (including serving pieces), dishes (including serving pieces, salvers, and their heating units), other utensils, and glassware.
- (j) Other items of a professional nature that are not necessary at the next/subsequent PDS, such as textbooks from previous schools unrelated to future duties; personal books, even if used as part of a past professional reading program or course of instruction; and reference material that ordinarily would be available at the next/subsequent PDS either in hard copy or available on the Internet.

3. Member's Dependent Spouse:

- a. Member's Dependent Spouse PBP&E/PRO-Gear. The Service concerned may authorize an additional weight NTE 500 pounds for PBP&E/PRO-Gear that belongs to the member's spouse when on a PCS. PBP&E/PRO-Gear for a member's spouse must meet the definition of spouse PBP&E/PRO-Gear in the JTR, Appendix A, and is necessary for employment or community support activities at the next duty station or a later destination. The declaration and shipment of PBP&E/PRO-Gear for a member's spouse is in the same manner and under the same conditions as the member's PBP&E/PRO-Gear.
- b. The following items are considered the Member's Dependent Spouse's PBP&E/PRO-Gear:
  - (1) Reference material.
  - (2) Instruments, tools, and equipment peculiar to technicians, mechanics, and members of the professions.
  - (3) Specialized clothing such as diving suit, flying suits and helmets, band uniforms, nurse uniforms, chaplains' vestments, and other specialized apparel not normal or usual uniform or clothing.

## J. WHEN TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

You may ship personal property at any time after you receive your official orders/authorization (e.g., PCS, Separation [ETS] or Retirement [RET]). Contact your TO/PPPO/PPSO early to increase the chances of having your personal property moved on the date you request. Pack dates are determined by the weight you are moving. Pack dates can and do vary. To ensure a smooth move, the TSP or its representative coordinates the pack dates with you during the pre-move survey process. Delaying the call or visit can create hardships for everyone.

## K. PICK UP SPREAD DATES

- 1. The use of spread dates is to provide DP3 customers greater certainty when scheduling personal property shipments. The rule is applied to HHG and UB with pickup dates on or after 10 March

2022. Spread dates do not apply to Non-Temporary Storage (NTS) Handling In, NTS Release, or Direct Procurement Method (DPM) shipments.

- a. Customers will 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.
  - b. DPS will calculate the 7-day spread window automatically and enter the earliest pickup date accordingly, in the “Earliest Pickup Date” Field.
  - c. The customer will then enter the “Desired Pickup Date”, which is a date between the Earliest and Latest date.
  - d. TSP will confirm with the customer the “Actual Scheduled Pickup” date within three (3) calendar days of shipment acceptance.
2. The customer and awarded Transportation Service Provider (TSP) may negotiate the pickup date; however, the TSP must accommodate a pickup date within the spread-date window. Once established, pickup dates cannot change without the customer’s approval. The customer has a responsibility to be available during the 7-day spread window except on weekends or holidays.
  3. Although the pickup date is inside the pickup spread-date window, the pack date(s) will immediately come before the pickup and may be before the pickup spread-date window. TSPs may offer services on a weekend. The customer has the option to accept or decline weekend or holiday pack days.

#### **L. WHO TO SEE**

The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard operate TOs. Your local TO/PPPO/PPSO is your first point of contact when questions or problems about the movement of your personal property arise prior to shipment.

#### **M. WHAT YOU “MAY” SHIP AS HHG**

1. You may ship all personal property associated with the home and all personal effects belonging to you and your dependents on the effective date of your PCS orders. Also included are:
  - a. PBP&E needed and not needed for the performance of official duties at the next or a later destination. PBP&E that are needed are not calculated in the member’s weight allowance and therefore must be declared in DPS and identified on the origin inventory as PBP&E.
  - b. Spare POV parts (e.g., car engine/transmission) not to exceed the member's administrative HHG weight allowance. A pickup tailgate, when removed from the pickup truck may be shipped as POV Spare parts.
  - c. Integral or attached vehicle parts that must be removed due to their high vulnerability to pilferage or damage (e.g., seats, tops, winch, spare tires, portable auxiliary gasoline can(s), CD players, GPS systems, and miscellaneous associated hardware).
  - d. Consumable goods for a member ordered to locations listed in the JTR, Paragraph 052002, F.
  - e. A vehicle other than a POV (such as a motorcycle, moped, hang glider, golf cart, or snowmobile [and/or the associated trailer]).
  - f. A boat or personal watercraft (e.g., a jet ski, canoe, skiff, dinghy, scull, kayak, rowboat, sailboat, outboard/inboard motorboat) and/or the associated trailer.
  - g. Ultralight vehicles (defined in 14 Code of Federal Regulations Section (§) 103 as being single occupant, for recreation or sport purposes, weighing less than 155 pounds if unpowered or

- less than 254 pounds if powered, having a fuel capacity NTE 5 gallons, having an airspeed NTE 55 knots, and having a power-off stall speed NTE 24 knots).
- h. A utility trailer, with or without a tilt bed, with a single axle, and an overall length of no more than 12 feet (from rear to trailer hitch), and no wider than 8 feet (outside tire to outside tire). Side rails/body no higher than 28 inches (unless detachable) and ramp/gate for the utility trailer no higher than four (4) feet (unless detachable).
  - i. Government or military owned accountable Organizational Clothing and Individual Clothing property issued to the member by the Agency/Service for official use.
  - j. Lithium Batteries can be shipped with your personal property in limited quantities dictated by the mode of transportation being provided. Limited quantities means lithium-ion batteries rated at 100 watt-hours or less (20 watt-hours or less for lithium-ion cell) and lithium metal batteries containing two (2) grams or less of lithium content (one (1) gram or less for lithium metal cells). Lithium batteries greater than the limited quantities listed above are prohibited from being shipped. Lithium batteries of all types and sizes are prohibited from Non-Temporary Storage.

**NOTE 1:** Customers that have shipments rerouted from the original conveyance (i.e., going into NTS) may be required to provide disposition instructions of any lithium batteries due to concerns for the safety of transportation or storage.

**NOTE 2:** Recommend referring to Military OneSource for additional facts on lithium batteries (“Lithium Battery Fact Sheet”) at following link:  
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-pcs/moving-personal-property/products/>.

- (1) There are two types of lithium batteries, lithium-ion and lithium metal:
  - (a) Lithium metal batteries are commonly found in cameras, watches, remote controls, handheld games, and smoke detectors. Lithium metal batteries are single use and NOT rechargeable and come in various forms including cylindrical, button cells, or coin cells. Always check items for the type of batteries installed. They will commonly identify lithium battery on the item.
  - (b) Lithium-ion batteries are commonly found in cellphones, power tools, digital cameras, laptops, children’s toys, e-cigarettes, robot vacuums, small and large appliances, tablets, e-readers, lawn care equipment, and electric bikes (e-bikes). Lithium-ion batteries are rechargeable and intended for multiple use. Some lithium-ion batteries are internal to a product and not easily removable, while others may be. Check manufacturer’s instructions for battery removal, if applicable.
- (2) The TSP is required to properly package, label, and certify (if required) lithium-ion batteries rated at 100 watt-hours or less (20 watt-hours or less for lithium-ion cell) and lithium metal batteries containing two (2) grams or less of lithium content (one (1) gram or less for lithium metal cells).
- (3) To determine the watt-hours lithium-ion batteries, the watt-hour rating is sometimes printed on the battery; or an Internet search of the make and model of the battery may provide the size of the battery. If not, take the volts and multiply by ampere-hours to determine watt-hours. For lithium metal, take the ampere-hours and multiply by .3 to get the lithium content.
- (4) E-bikes, scooters, and large lawn equipment (i.e., riding lawnmowers) powered by lithium-ion batteries are some common items that may be prohibited in personal property shipments given they have unique shipping requirements and are often larger than the 100-watt-hour size limitation.

## N. WHAT YOU “MAY NOT” SHIP AS HHG

1. The following items may not be shipped as HHG (includes, but not limited to):
  - a. Personal baggage when carried free on commercial transportation.
  - b. Automobiles, trucks, vans and similar motor vehicles, airplanes, mobile homes, camper trailers, horse trailers, and farming vehicles.
  - c. Live animals including birds, fish, and reptiles.
  - d. Articles that otherwise would qualify as HHG but are acquired after the PCS authorization/order effective date, except:
    - (1) Bona fide replacements for articles that have become inadequate, worn out, broken, or unserviceable on/after the PCS authorization/order effective date, but before the date the bulk of the HHG are released to the TO or TSP for transportation when purchased in the United States for transportation, to an OCONUS PDS with authorization/approval through the Secretarial Process ([43 Comp. Gen. 514 \(1964\)](#)), or
    - (2) Replacement HHG items, in cases in which the original HHG shipment is destroyed or lost, through no fault of the member, during transportation incident to a change of TDY station or PDS ([68 Comp. Gen. 143 \(1988\)](#)).
  - e. Cordwood and building materials.
  - f. HHG for resale, disposal, or commercial use.
  - g. Live ammunition.
  - h. Hazardous articles including explosives, flammable and corrosive materials, poisons, propane gas tanks, cleaning supplies, light bulbs, and batteries. See DTR Part IV Appendix A-I; Examples of Hazardous Materials.
  - i. Perishable food items (meat, eggs, vegetables) open containers not sealed (rice, cereal, sugar).
  - j. HHG does not include Plants, unless transportation is less than 150 miles or delivery requires less than 24 hours, no storage is required, and no watering or other tasks are required during transport.
2. Local laws or TSP regulations may prohibit commercial shipment of certain articles not listed above. Laws and regulations prohibit articles liable to impregnate or otherwise damage equipment or other property—for example, hazardous materials including explosives, flammable and corrosive materials, and poisons. Contact your TO/PPPO/PPSO if you have a question about any item refused for shipment by the TSP.
3. If you are not sure of an item, check with your TO/PPPO/PPSO for more details.

## O. PREVENT PEST INFESTATION

Do Not Move a Serious Pest to a New Neighborhood.

1. Spongy Moth:
  - a. Planning to move from a State infested with spongy moth to one that is not infested? Moving your outdoor lawn furniture, lawnmower, garden tools and or playground equipment across State lines? You need to know about a regulation intended to prevent the interstate spread of this pest.

- b. To prevent the spread of spongy moth, you are responsible for making sure that your outdoor household articles do not move the spongy moth. How you do this is your decision. The quarantine regulations allow for self-inspection of HHG, and this attachment was developed to assist you should you choose to self-inspect. Alternatively, you may pay a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)-trained certified pesticide applicator to inspect the articles you plan to move.
- c. To learn more about the spongy moth, where the problematic areas are, and how you can prevent the spread of spongy moth, go to <https://usdasearch.usda.gov/search?utf8=%3F&affiliate=usda-aphis&query=gypsy+moth&commit=Search>. Your local TO/PPPO/PPSO can also provide additional details.

2. Spotted Lanternfly:

- a. If you're moving from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware or Northern Virginia, these states are infested with the Spotted Lanternfly. Spotted Lanternflies feed on a wide range of fruit, ornamental and woody trees, with Tree-of-Heaven being one of the preferred hosts.
- b. Preventing the Spread of the Spotted Lanternfly, residents of Pennsylvania, Delaware and surrounding states are encouraged to help control the spread of this invasive pest. Early detection is vital for the protection of several agricultural industries.
- c. Spotted Lanternflies expand their range by laying eggs on vehicles or on other items which are subsequently moved or shipped to another location. The best way to keep the Spotted Lanternfly in check is to monitor the landscape vigilantly and destroy any insects or egg masses found. Learn what Spotted Lanternflies look like at all life stages, and proactively look for them in the landscape:
  - (1) Inspect outdoor furniture, hardscape, and other smooth surfaces regularly for the presence of egg masses.
  - (2) Inspect vehicles before leaving a potentially infected area.
  - (3) Inspect any items that have been stored outside carefully for insects and egg masses before shipping or transporting.
  - (4) Avoid moving or transporting firewood or tree trimmings from an infected area.
  - (5) Avoid parking vehicles and storing equipment or firewood under trees in at-risk areas.
  - (6) Anything near or planted by a Tree-of-Heaven should be monitored closely and checked for egg masses.
  - (7) Tree-of-Heaven can itself be invasive; if you have unwanted Trees-of-Heaven on your property this may be a good time to consider removing them.
- d. To learn more about the Spotted Lanternfly, where the problematic areas are, and how you can prevent the spread of the Spotted Lanternfly, go to: [www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/hungry-pests/the-threat/spotted-lanternfly/spotted-lanternfly](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/hungry-pests/the-threat/spotted-lanternfly/spotted-lanternfly). Your local TO can also provide additional details.

## P. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SHIPMENT

1. Each Service allows for the importation of Alcoholic Beverage Shipment; however, the method of importation varies. The following extract from the JTR states that the shipment of alcoholic beverages as HHG must conform to 27 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 122.

*Section 122 – Shipments into States for possession or sale in violation of State law. The shipment or transportation, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, of any spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other intoxicating liquor of any kind, from one State, Territory, or District of the United States, or place noncontiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, into any other State, Territory, or District of the United States, or place noncontiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, or from any foreign country into any State, Territory, or District of the United States, or place noncontiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, which said spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other intoxicating liquor is intended, by any person interested therein, to be received, possessed, sold, or in any manner used, either in the original package or otherwise, in violation of any law of such State, Territory, or District of the United States, or place noncontiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, is prohibited.*

2. [Visit the following websites for additional information on the importation of alcoholic beverages into the United States:](#)
  - a. State Wine Laws: <http://www.wineinstitute.org>
  - b. Personal Importation of Alcoholic Beverages: <https://www.ttb.gov/>
  - c. Alcohol Beverage Control Boards for the United States: <https://www.ttb.gov/>
3. Alcoholic beverages (including wine) are not to be stored in NTS. Customers will be notified by JPPSO/PPSO to coordinate disposition of alcoholic beverages that are shipped and converted to NTS. The Service member will then have 30 days to provide disposition instructions.

## Q. SHIPPING AND OR STORING YOUR POV

To obtain information regarding shipping and/or storing your POV, visit the website for Shipping Your POV at [https://www.ustranscom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr\\_part\\_iv\\_app\\_k\\_3.pdf](https://www.ustranscom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr_part_iv_app_k_3.pdf) or Storing Your POV at [https://www.ustranscom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr\\_part\\_iv\\_app\\_k\\_4.pdf](https://www.ustranscom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr_part_iv_app_k_4.pdf).

## R. UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE (UB)

UB is that part of a member's prescribed weight allowance of HHG that:

1. Is not carried free on a ticket used for personal travel,
2. Ordinarily is transported separately from the major bulk of HHG, and
3. Usually is transported by an expedited mode because it is needed immediately or soon after arrival at destination for interim housekeeping pending arrival of the major portion of HHG.

**NOTE 1:** UB ICW permanent duty and Consecutive Overseas Tour/In Place Consecutive Overseas Tour travel consists of personal clothing and equipment; essential pots, pans, and light housekeeping items; items such as cribs, playpens, and baby carriages; and other articles required for the care of dependents. Items such as refrigerators, washing machines, and other major appliances or furniture must not be included in UB. Also, alcoholic beverages and/or personally owned firearms are not items needed at destination for interim housekeeping, therefore cannot be included in UB.

**NOTE 2:** ICW an extended TDY assignment, UB is limited to the necessary personal clothing and effects for the individual and equipment directly related to the assignment.

## S. BOATS

**WARNING!** Boat shipment and storage expenses are partially reimbursed by the Government, and the member bears financial responsibility for any out-of-pocket expenses not paid by the Government.

### 1. Shipping Your Boat:

- a. The typical member is not well informed on the movement of boats in Government shipments. The JTR authorizes movement of a boat, up to a cost not to exceed the amount to move your maximum authorized weight allowance. This sounds quite simple enough; however, most boats move under a One-Time-Only (OTO) rate at commercial rates.
- b. Review the following information before arranging for shipment of your boat at Government expense.
  - (1) Consider a Personally Procured Move (PPM): If you are moving your boat within the CONUS or between the CONUS and Alaska, consider making a PPM (at least for the boat). You could receive an incentive of 100 percent of the Government Constructed Cost (GCC) to move the same property (up to the amount of weight remaining on your allowance), less actual expenses and applicable taxes. The incentive is based on actual weight moved, not to exceed your maximum weight allowance. This program allows you to move the boat at Government expense and possibly make money for doing it.
  - (2) Make your own arrangements: If you choose not to perform a PPM, consider making your own arrangements with a commercial boat hauler. You are authorized reimbursement, not to exceed the GCC to move your same weight of HHG. Contact your TO for guidance before making your own arrangements. In most cases, the member has either avoided or reduced excess cost by making personal arrangements. As with PPM moves, you must have weight remaining on your allowance to receive reimbursement. Boats may be shipped within CONUS or overseas (subject to host country restrictions). The definition of boats includes, but is not limited to, canoes, skiffs, sailboats, light rowboats, kayaks and dinghies, or sculls. You must ensure the boat and motor are securely fastened/strapped to the trailer.

### 2. Shipping Your Boat Trailer:

- a. The trailer must have a valid license; however, if the origin state does not require a license; a transit permit at the member's expense is necessary for the tow-away TSP to transport the boat trailer. Below are trailer safety standards to note prior to the shipment of the boat trailer.
  - (1) The trailer must have working lights, wiring, and brakes (if so equipped).
  - (2) The trailer must be equipped with good tires and hubs that have been checked for adequate lubrication and good bearings.
  - (3) The trailer frame must not be bent, twisted, or broken.

### 3. Member's Responsibility:

- a. Ensure the boat is prepared for shipment to avoid additional charges.
- b. Pay all accessorial service charges, including special packing, crating, and handling costs. This includes the difference between special boat rates and the Government cost to transport a like weight of HHG. Be aware these costs can be expensive.
- c. Remove pilferable items, clothing, televisions, skis, and similar items. Lower or remove all antennas, masts, fishing/trolling poles, and outriggers.



- d. Ensure the boat is ready for the TSP on the agreed upon pickup date. The TSP can charge you for attempted pickup cost.

4. Methods of Shipping Your Boat:

a. Domestic:

- (1) All boats or personal watercraft (including but not limited to canoes, kayaks, dinghies, rowboats, jet skis, skiffs, and sculls) with or without an associated trailer equal to or less than the following dimensions will be shipped with HHG: Length = 14 feet (168 inches) Width = 6 feet 10 inches (82 inches) Height = 6 feet 5 inches (77 inches).
- (2) Boats or personal watercraft with or without an associated trailer that exceed the above dimensions will be shipped via OTO process. Boats cannot exceed 13 feet high from the keel to the highest point on the bridge. Such moves are normally arranged by the TO/PPPO/PPSO.
- (3) PPM includes hiring a commercial mover or sailing the boat yourself.

b. International:

- (1) Any boat (e.g., personal watercraft, jet ski) and/or trailer that fits into a standard overseas container and small boats such as canoes, kayaks and rowboats may be shipped with your HHG.
- (2) Boats, personal watercraft, etc. that do not fit into a standard overseas shipping container must be moved with the member's HHG but require separate rates to be solicited under the OTO program.
- (3) PPM includes hiring a commercial mover or sailing the boat yourself.

c. As a principal residence:

When your boat is your principal residence, you have two movement options:

- (1) Within the CONUS and to or from Alaska, you may sail it yourself and receive the actual transportation cost subject to the limitations in JTR Paragraph 052403.B.4.

**NOTE:** Your travel and transportation allowances may be limited.

- (2) Let the Government arrange to move your boat. In this case the Government will pay up to what it would cost to ship the like weight of HHG up to your maximum HHG weight allowance.

If you live on your boat and move it as a principal residence, you are not authorized a separate shipment of HHG. Movement of a boat as a principal residence is governed by the same rules and regulations as shipping a mobile home. The rule restricting shipment to any place outside the CONUS except Alaska is the same as that for a mobile home. Contact your local TO/PPPO/PPSO for additional information.

## T. FIREARMS

1. When shipping firearms within or to the CONUS, you must comply with local and/or state laws, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) regulations. For shipments to overseas countries, you must abide by the laws of the host country. When returning firearms from overseas to the United States, you must identify your firearms on your individual customs declarations and obtain ATF Form 6, Part II, and ATF Form 6A. These forms are required to

bring firearms into the United States. The forms are available on the ATF website at <http://www.atf.gov/>, and the process period may be as long as 6 weeks. Some basic rules include:

- a. Make the firearm inoperable by removing the bolt, firing pin, trigger assembly, and other arming parts.
  - b. Remove all ammunition from the firearm.
  - c. Ensure the firearm information is written on the inventory: make, model, serial number, unique characteristics, and caliber or gauge.
  - d. Firearms shipped in containerized shipments must be placed in the number one container to ensure easy access by custom officials.
  - e. Firearms must not be locked in a safe.
2. Compliance with the law is your responsibility: Local and state laws vary regarding possession and registration of firearms. To be safe, do not carry firearms on your person, except as authorized by local laws and regulations. When carrying a weapon, be sure to check the laws of all states or countries through which you intend to travel to your new duty station.

## U. GUN SAFES

1. When shipping a gun safe(s) with HHG, remove all weapons and other items from the safe. As of 1 May 2022, you are allowed the weight of the gun safe (maximum 500 pounds net weight) in addition to your authorized weight allowance not to exceed 18,000 pounds.
  - a. The make and model of the gun safe(s) must appear on the inventory.
  - b. The gun safe(s) will be transported in the same way and to the same authorized location as HHG.

**NOTE:** See paragraph T for shipment of firearms.

## V. ARRANGING THE MOVE

Either you visit your TO/PPPO/PPSO to arrange the movement and or storage of your personal property or, if applicable, you may “Self Counsel” yourself using DPS. Provide the following at time of counseling:

1. Complete set of orders/authorization including amendments/for each type of shipment planned (e.g., HHG, NTS, UB).

**NOTE:** For shipments from the United States to overseas (export) or shipments from overseas to the United States (imports). If you would like to request that certain data elements of your PII not be shared or made available to the public per 19 CFR 103.31, complete a confidentiality request form located at <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/automated/electronic-vessel-manifest-confidentiality>, select “Electronic Vessel Manifest Confidentiality Online Application”. Complete and submit the form online.

2. An idea of when you want to move and an estimated weight. Be as flexible as possible when selecting HHG pack and pickup dates. Your preferred dates may not be available during some periods such as summer or days near official holidays. Avoid scheduling lease termination or house sale closing on the same date your HHG are to be packed, picked up, or delivered. Leave some time in your schedule for the unforeseen. You or your designated representative must be available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on pack, pickup, and delivery dates. If the pack, pickup, or delivery hours exceed 5:00 p.m., the TSP must ask prior approval from you or

your representative and be completed by 9:00 p.m. You or your assigned representative must be present during the entire move process.

3. The date you plan to arrive at your new duty station. Your arrival date assists your TSP and/or local TO/PPPO/PPSO with scheduling delivery of your shipment(s), which may reduce storage costs paid by the Government. For example, if you know you are not available to accept a shipment for 3 months, do not schedule a HHG delivery date during the 3 months you are not available.
4. What type of shipment you want to make (HHG, UB, and/or NTS) and the estimated weight. Do not forget to declare PBP&E/PRO-Gear.
5. Information on excess cost. The minimum excess cost is approximately \$100.00 per hundred pounds over the maximum weight allowance. If you have not used an item, or you plan to get rid of it “soon”, we encourage you to “pitch it before we ship it.”
6. A list of large or unusual items (e.g., large screen TV [i.e., plasma, LCD, DLP], piano, pool table, china cabinet, wall unit, satellite dish, hot tub, boat, motorcycle, recreational vehicle).
7. A letter of authorization signed by you or a power of attorney; required if you are unable to visit the local TO/PPPO/PPSO. You may appoint your spouse or an agent to act on your behalf. Be sure the person you choose knows what you want and has the information to make the right arrangements. Remember, this person is acting for you, and you are responsible for that person’s decisions.

## W. DOCUMENTATION

1. If you receive a personal property counseling at your local TO/PPPO/PPSO, your counselor provides you with copies of all documentation associated with the movement and or storage of your shipment(s). Look over your documentation carefully before signing.
2. If you performed “Self-Counseling” in DPS, you are prompted screen-by-screen to read and acknowledge your inputs. You will also receive a shipment summary prior to electronically submitting your DD Form 1299, [Figure A-K1-1](#), for shipment and or storage to your responsible TO for review. You then are able to print the documentation created for each shipment request. In the event corrective actions are required on your part in DPS, your TO/PPPO/PPSO notifies you by phone and or e-mail.

**NOTE:** Keep copies of all documentation related to the shipment and or storage of HHG. Do not pack them in your shipments. It is recommended that you hand-carry your documentation to your new destination.

## X. RESPONSIBILITIES

A good move depends largely on how much you get involved and how well prepared you are when the TSPs arrive. The following is a guide to assist you and may be used as your record of tasks accomplished.

1. Your Responsibilities (at Origin):
  - a. Keep your TO/PPPO/PPSO /TSP informed of any change in your orders or other changes, such as a current telephone number or e-mail address where you are available until you leave your old duty station.
  - b. If shipping any engine power driven equipment (e.g., motorcycle, dirt bike, lawnmower, snowmobile, moped, boat), ensure they are free of dirt or grease. Disconnect the battery cables and tape the leads so they do not make contact with the battery terminals. Batteries

- with acid or alkali are prohibited from shipment; only non-spillable (refer to 49 CFR 173.159 a. ([eCFR :: 49 CFR 173.159a -- Exceptions for non-spillable batteries](#))) batteries are authorized. Disconnect lead from spark plug and also tape the wire lead so it does not make contact with spark plug. With the motorcycle/dirt bike running, completely run it out of gas until it stalls. No fuel can be in the tank when shipping a motorcycle/dirt bike as a HHG shipment.
- c. Do not change your shipping dates unless necessary. Changing moving dates, especially during the summer months, can mean a lengthy delay in getting your move rescheduled. Contact the TO and/or TSP, immediately if rescheduling the shipping dates is necessary. Notify the TO/TSP if you or your designated representative is not available during the scheduled pack and or pickup dates. If the TSP arrives to pack/pickup your personal property and either you or your designated representative is not available, you may be financially responsible for an “Attempted” pickup charge. This fee must be paid in full prior to re-scheduling new pack and pickup dates.
  - d. Contact the origin TO/PPPO/PPSO if the TSP, or the TSP’s representative has not contacted you a few days prior to your scheduled pickup date.
  - e. You or your representative designated in writing must be home between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. when the TSP arrives to pack and remove your belongings. If the pack, pickup, or delivery hours exceed 5:00 p.m., the TSP must ask prior approval and be completed by 9:00 p.m.
  - f. Begin planning your move and contact your TO/PPPO/PPSO the day you receive orders. It is never too early to plan for your PCS.
  - g. If you want to request confidentiality of your PII, complete the confidentiality request form located on <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/automated/electronic-vessel-manifest-confidentiality>, select “Electronic Vessel Manifest Confidentiality Online Application”. Complete and submit the form online.
  - h. Ensure any untidiness of your residence or pickup location does not hinder the job performance of the crew that packs your property. If the TSP is delayed or must return on another day due to the residence not being prepared and/or in disarray and the property is unable to be packed and loaded, this may result in an attempted pick-up charge to the customer.
  - i. Remove your TV antenna; disconnect your satellite dish.
  - j. Empty, defrost, and thoroughly wash the inside of your refrigerator and/or freezer to keep mildew at a minimum during transit and storage, these appliances need at least two (2) days to dry out. Leave doors open after cleaning.
  - k. Drain water from hot tubs and waterbeds.
  - l. Remove window air conditioners.
  - m. Disconnect and prepare all components such as stereos, compact disc players, videodisc players, computers, printers, televisions, and VCRs for the move.
  - n. Disconnect all appliances, such as washer, dryer, and stove. Charges associated with disconnecting these appliances are your responsibility so you should complete disconnections prior to the HHG pack and pickup dates. If you are shipping or storing a front-load washer, please provide necessary hardware (e.g., shipping bolts) when available.
  - o. Disconnect TVs (Plasma/LCD/DLP); un-mount them from the wall.
  - p. Dispose of foods and liquids that could spill or spoil in transit.

- q. Dispose of worn out and unneeded items before the move to avoid wasteful packing, moving, or storage expenses and excess weight to you.
- r. Remove hanging objects scheduled for shipping from the walls, ceilings, and cabinet. This includes curtain rods, kitchenware (kitchen utensil, food racks), mirrors, and pictures.
- s. Dismantle, clean and dry outdoor play equipment and outdoor structures (e.g., utility sheds, playhouses, swing, or gym sets).
- t. Ensure personal property items are free of soil/pest infestation (e.g., spongy moths, brown tree snakes). Remember: Complying with requirements of the USDA and state laws is your responsibility. If an infestation is found. The move will stop until an exterminator has fumigated the residence. Confirmation by the TO/PPPO/PPSO and a review of fumigation documentation is needed prior to rescheduling you move.
- u. Remove personal property from an attic, crawl space, or similar storage area within the residence. The TSP is not required to go into areas that:
  - (1) Are not accessible by a permanent stairway (ladders are not considered a permanent stairway),
  - (2) Are not adequately lighted,
  - (3) Do not have a finished floor, and
  - (4) Do not allow a person to stand erect.
- v. Have your property separated by shipment and distinctly marked. Put items that are to go in the UB shipment in one room. Distinctly mark items for storage, items not to be packed, etc. This reduces the chance of items getting into the wrong shipment or preventing shipment of discarded items. When possible, dispose of all trash and items to be discarded prior to the TSP's arrival.
- w. Remove all old TSP markings and stickers from furniture and boxes.
- x. Identify contents left in drawers. Be sure the inventory reflects the contents.
- y. Safeguard all cash, jewelry, or other expensive items. Hand-Carry them.
- z. Airline tickets and passports are important documents. It is a good idea to keep these items locked in your car or ask a friend or neighbor to keep them until your HHG shipment is picked up.
- aa. Ensure each carton and loose item (e.g., ladder, rake) has an inventory tag and all tag numbers appear on the inventory.
- bb. Monitor the wrapping and packing of your items. Make sure everything is wrapped individually and adequately. Make sure heavy items are not packed on top of light items. Do not allow your property to be taken to the warehouse to be packed without first consulting the TO/PPPO/PPSO.
- cc. Drain all gasoline, oil, and water from power-equipment (e.g., lawn mowers, snow blowers) prior to pick up.
- dd. Have any pre-packed boxes, cartons, or totes available for the TSP to check. TSPs may repack items in pre-packed containers to ensure safe transport of your property.
- ee. Carefully read the inventory prepared by the TSP's personnel before you sign. Look at it from time to time while the items are packed. Ensure all boxes and loose items are listed correctly on the inventory. If a box contains crystal or ceramic figurines, make sure the

- inventory says “crystal” or “Hummels” or “Lladros,” etc., instead of a generic description such as “kitchen items” or “glass.”
- ff. Make sure major items (e.g., pieces of stereo equipment) are individually noted on the inventory with complete and accurate descriptions.
  - gg. If the packers list “color television,” have them add the size, make, model, and serial number (when readily accessible). This procedure also applies to stereo and video components. Closely check the string of symbols showing pre-existing damage. These symbols are explained in the top, right-hand corner of the inventory. For example, “BR 2-4-5-3” means “broken, bottom, front-left corner.”
  - hh. A good inventory shows what you shipped and what condition the item was in at the time of pickup. If your inventory is inaccurate, tell the TSP’s representative, and write down why you disagree at the bottom of the inventory in the space marked for exceptions.
  - ii. Do not argue with the TSP’s representative. If you have a problem, call your TO at once.
  - jj. Do not sign anything until you read, understand, and agree with it. You must be provided a legible copy of everything you sign, either electronically or hard copy prior to the TSP leaving your residence. Never sign a blank, incomplete, or illegible form, or a form you cannot clearly understand.
2. Your Responsibilities (at Destination):
- a. Contact the destination TO/PPPO/PPSO and or the TSP delivering your personal property as soon as possible after your arrival even though you may not know the delivery address for your personal property. The TO/TSP needs a telephone number and/or address where you can be reached on short notice.
  - b. As soon as you have a delivery address for your personal property, call the TO/PPPO/PPSO again and provide this information.
  - c. If possible, be prepared to accept delivery of your property as soon as it arrives. This will prevent additional handling, reduce the chance of loss or damage, and reduce or eliminate storage expenses.
  - d. You or your designated representative in writing must be home on the day of delivery.
  - e. Know in advance where you want each piece of furniture placed in your new residence. You are allowed a “one time placement of goods” by the TSP upon your request.
  - f. Check each carton or item off the inventory. Make sure everything that was picked up is delivered.
  - g. If you discover any loss and/or damage at the time of delivery, list all missing and or damaged items by appropriate inventory number on the DD Form 1840, Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery/DP3 Notification of Loss or Damage AT Delivery Form.
  - h. Do not sign for services if the TSP did not perform them.
  - i. Do not argue with the TSP. Contact the destination TO/PPPO/PPSO if problems arise.

3. TSP's Responsibilities (at Origin):

- a. Conduct Pre-Move Survey (physical, virtual, or telephonic) depending on the type of shipment and estimated weight. When required, it should be conducted prior to the first day of packing.
  - (1) Purpose of Pre-Move Survey: TSP or TSPs representative determines weight/volume of property to be packed/loaded, quantity and type of packing materials required, whether or not items require special crating (e.g., marble tops, artwork, grandfather clock), whether a third party should be involved to disassemble certain objects (e.g., German Wall Unit, other specialized furniture/equipment). If a TSP/TSP representative feels special services are required that were not identified at the time of counseling, the TSP/TSP representative submits a request to the TO/PPPO/PPSO for review/approval. (The TO/PPPO/PPSO makes the final determination. If denied, you can request the TSP to provide specialized services, however, at your own expense).
  - (2) TSP/TSP representative determines the number of days required to pack/pick up shipment.
  - (3) TSP/TSP representative and you can negotiate pack, pickup, and delivery dates during the Pre-Move Survey. Keep both your origin TO and your destination TO informed of any changes, to include pickup/delivery address, telephone number, or e-mail address changes.
  - (4) For domestic HHG (dHHG) and international HHG (iHHG) shipments, the member receives a toll-free number prior to pickup for direct communication between the member and the TSP. The toll-free number may be used for customer inquiries and problem resolution during any phase of the move. The TSP must respond to the member's concerns within 24 hours from the member's initial call if received Monday through Friday and by close of business the following workday for calls/inquiries received by the TSP on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal (officially declared national) holidays. The member should be counseled that the toll-free number is not to be used for shipment changes (pickup date or delivery date changes). The member must contact the local TO for any changes after shipment award to a TSP.
- b. Begin packing/pickup between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- c. Protect appliances against damage while in transit. The TSP secures moving parts that, if allowed to move in transit, could damage the appliance.
- d. Use new, clean packing materials for linen, clothing, and bedding.
- e. Use new or like-new packing materials for all other items. Excelsior or newspaper is not allowed. Items packed in boxes should be padded and insulated from carton walls.
- f. Pack mirrors, pictures, and glass tabletops in specially designed cartons.
- g. Wrap and protect all finished surfaces from marring or scratching; use furniture pads.
- h. Properly roll and protect rug and rug pads at residence. Only small throw rugs may be folded.
- i. Pack all designated PBP&E in separate boxes. These cartons must be marked "PBP&E/PRO-Gear", weighed separately, and listed on the inventory form.
- j. All nuts, bolts, and screws, small hardware, and other fasteners removed from articles for shipment must be properly affixed/packaged to allow for reassembly at destination. If packaged separately, items must be properly inventoried and cross-referenced to the

associated inventory item in which the hardware belongs (i.e., “Nuts, bolts, screws for Inventory #55 - Baby Crib”).

- k. Mark each carton to show general contents.
  - l. Prepare an accurate and legible inventory, to include high-value items and high-risk inventories if applicable and provide to you prior to departing your residence.
  - m. Obtain approval from the TO prior to loading on the tailgate of the moving van.
  - n. Remove all excess packing material from your residence.
4. TSP’s Responsibilities (at Destination):
- a. Begin delivery between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
  - b. Perform a one-time placement of rugs prior to placement of your HHG.
  - c. Unpack and unwrap all cartons, boxes, and crates.
  - d. Place each item or carton in the room you indicate. This one-time placement includes placing unpacked articles in cabinets, cupboards, or on kitchen shelves when convenient, safe, and it is your desired location. Have placement planned out before the TSP arrives. TSPs are required to place each item only once.
  - e. Assemble all furniture and equipment if disassembled at origin.
  - f. Remove packing and blocking from appliances. The TSP is not required to connect appliances to electric, gas, or water outlets.
  - g. Provide a “Joint” written record of any loss and or damage at delivery on DD Form 1840 or on the “Defense Personal Property Program Notification of Loss or Damage AT Delivery” Form. You and or your designated representative along with the delivery TSP sign this form. The TSP’s representative must provide a copy of this form.
  - h. As stated earlier, TSPs are not required to go into an attic, crawl space, or similar storage area for the purpose of delivering and placing personal property. This includes areas that:
    - (1) Are not accessible by a permanent stairway (ladders are not permanent stairways).
    - (2) Are not adequately lighted.
    - (3) Do not have a finished floor.
    - (4) Do not allow a person to stand erect.
  - i. Once the shipment has been delivered, the TSP is not required to deliver property to a self-storage facility.
  - j. Notify MCO, PPSO and USTRANSCOM of catastrophic loss for guidance.

**NOTE:** It is not advisable to waive unpacking at any time during the delivery. However, if unpacking is waived, the TSP is not required to return later to unpack or remove debris.

## Y. CLAIMS FOR LOSS AND DAMAGE FRV

Unfortunately, you may suffer loss or damage to your personal property during movement. If your property is lost or damaged, you have the right to file a claim directly with the TSP. (You may also purchase additional insurance for your move through the TSP or from a private insurance company.)

1. For shipments not processed in DPS, a member notifies the TSP of Loss/Damage noted the day of delivery on DD Form 1840. The member/designated agent and the TSP sign/date DD Form 1840



on the date of delivery. Additional loss/damage noted after the delivery date is recorded on DD Form 1840R, Notice of Loss or Damage. The time frame and FRV listed below apply. When filing a claim for Loss/Damage, you do so at your Military Claims Office.

2. All DoD customers are eligible for FRV protection on DoD-funded personal property shipments at no cost to you.
3. If the member's property is lost or damaged during a move, they may file a claim against the TSP. The member can file a claim directly in DPS with the TSP for damaged or lost items at the time of delivery or after delivery. The member is authorized FRV coverage as detailed below:
  - a. FRV:
    - (1) If a claim is filed directly with the TSP within 9 months of delivery, then the TSP's maximum liability on each dHHG, iHHG, and UB shipment is:
      - (a) \$10,000 per shipment or
      - (b) \$6.00 times the net weight of the HHG shipment, or gross weight of the UB shipment, in pounds, not to exceed \$75,000, whichever is greater.
    - (2) For loss/damage discovered on the date of delivery, the member must complete the Defense Personal Property Program Notification of Loss or Damage AT Delivery.
    - (3) For loss/damage discovered after the delivery date, the member must complete the Defense Personal Property Program Notice of Loss or Damage After Delivery.
    - (4) For direct claims settlement between member and TSP:
      - (a) Claims must be filed through DPS.
      - (b) Claims must be filed with the TSP first to maintain FRV eligibility.
    - (5) A member has the option to transfer the claim to the military claims Service after 30 days. In these instances, the military claims office pays the member depreciated value and then pursues the FRV claim with the TSP. After settlement with the TSP, if the FRV settlement exceeds the amount paid by the military claims Service to the member, the member receives the difference.
  - b. The TSP may offer quick claim settlement:
    - (1) Less than \$2,000.
    - (2) Within five (5) calendar days of delivery.
    - (3) Not reported in DPS unless customer files an additional claim.
  - c. The TSPs are responsible for obtaining repair estimates.
  - d. Member and TSP negotiate settlement through DPS. Member must make all claimed damaged items available for inspection by the TSP's assigned repair firm prior to any attempted repairs:
    - (1) The TSP must pay, deny, or make an offer within 60 days of receipt of a complete claim through DPS.
    - (2) The member has the ability to accept or reject the TSP's offer on a line-by-line basis.
4. For additional information on FRV, visit <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-housing/moving/planning-your-move/file-a-claim-after-your-military-move/> or go online to your respective Service claims office listed below.

5. Depending on the value of your HHG, you may decide to purchase additional insurance through the TSP or a commercial company (at your own expense). Additionally, some homeowner policies may cover some items in shipment; check your policy or contact your insurance company for details.

**NOTE:** The option to purchase additional insurance through the Government no longer exists.

a. Service Claims Office:

- (1) Army: <https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/>
- (2) Air Force: <https://claims.jag.af.mil>
- (3) Navy: [http://www.jag.navy.mil/organization/code\\_15.htm](http://www.jag.navy.mil/organization/code_15.htm)
- (4) Marine Corps: The Navy handles all Marine Corps claims
- (5) Coast Guard: <https://www.uscg.mil/fincen/HHG/>

## Z. INCONVENIENCE CLAIMS

It is your TSP's responsibility to pick up and deliver your shipment on the dates reflected on the Bill of lading and to meet the agreed-upon delivery date out of storage in transit (SIT). Your TSP is also responsible to deliver your shipment out of SIT within seven (7) government business days (GBD) of the date the customer makes first contact requesting delivery or within 2 GBDs of the requested delivery date when the requested date exceeds 7 GBDs from when the customer makes first contact requesting delivery. Failure to do so may cause serious inconvenience to you and your dependents, and can result in unnecessary out-of-pocket expenses for lodging, meals, laundry, and/or rental/purchase of household necessities.

When your TSP does not meet the required dates, they must provide you with inconvenience claim guidance prior to missing those dates, discuss items that may be reimbursed, and inform you of the current status of your shipment. Inconvenience claims against your TSP must be reasonable, supported by receipts, and relate directly to relieving a definite hardship to establishing your home.

Normally, the TSP's reimbursements will be based on the status and delay of your shipment. Keep in mind that not all shipments and circumstances are the same:

1. Receipt free per diem applies only to the first 7 calendar days unless the claim exceeds the local per diem rate for Meals and Incidental Expenses (excluding lodging) for the member only. During the first 7 days the customer is due the greater of the per diem rate or actual expenses as substantiated by receipts. Receipts are mandatory for actual out of pocket expenses that exceed the local per diem rate for the first 7 calendar days. Payment for the per diem rate is not applicable beginning on the 8th day. Receipts are mandatory beginning on the 8th calendar day for all actual out-of-pocket expenses.
2. Actual out-of-pocket are expenses incurred by a customer and their dependents because they are not able to use necessary items in their shipment to establish their household. Expenses that may be reimbursed when establishing a household include, but are not limited to, laundry service, furniture and/or appliances rental (to include rental of a television) air mattresses, towels, linens, pillows, and necessary kitchen items, such as pots, pans, dishes, paper plates, plastic ware. Actual out-of-pocket expenses are not expenses for groceries or alcohol. Reimbursement for lodging and meals (substantiated by receipts) will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Additional guidance is located under the following link [https://www.militaryonesource.mil/search/?s=household-goods&wpsolr\\_fq%5B0%5D=tags%3Aclaims](https://www.militaryonesource.mil/search/?s=household-goods&wpsolr_fq%5B0%5D=tags%3Aclaims).

**NOTE 1:** The TSP may elect to reclaim durable household items.

**NOTE 2:** In the event the TSP does not meet an RDD and the customer is not able to receive the shipment, due to good cause (i.e., hospitalization, training, etc.), on first available delivery date provided by the TSP. The customer is authorized an inconvenience claim outlined in this paragraph. However, the request must be accompanied by an Inconvenience Claim Form and proper documentation substantiating the claim (i.e., doctor's evaluation, orders, etc.).

3. Request for reimbursement of alcoholic beverages in any quantity is prohibited.

You will submit your inconvenience claim directly to your TSP. You should include how the delay of your pickup/delivery caused a hardship and include an itemized list of charges along with accompanying receipts if out of pocket expenses exceed the baseline payment amount. Your TSP must acknowledge receipt of your inconvenience claim within five (5) GBDs from the date of contact, and you should receive reimbursement within 30 calendar days of receipt.

Remember, an inconvenience claim is not an entitlement; it is a requirement for the TSP to reimburse for out-of-pocket expenses. If you have questions/concerns or your TSP is not meeting its requirements, you should contact your Transportation Office.

#### **AA. DURING AND AFTER THE MOVE**

1. Evaluation of Move: At some time during packing, pickup, and/or delivery of your personal property, a Quality Control inspector from the TO may drop by to check on the progress of the services being performed by the TSP. If you have any questions or problems, inform the inspector or contact the TO.
2. Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS):
  - a. Your voice counts. The survey consists of questions designed to measure TSP and Government performance. Your comments on TSP performance will have a direct impact on the future shipment allocations to the servicing TSP.
  - b. You will receive a notification (i.e., Multimedia Message Service (MMS) text message or email) from the Customer Satisfaction Survey Contractor to provide feedback on each stage of your shipment (i.e., counseling, origin/destination services, and claims (submitted and/or transferred to the Military Claims Office (MCO))). You will be sent your first MMS and e-mail notification within 12 hours of the Contractor receiving an order to survey. You will then have 120 days from initial notification to complete each survey.

**NOTE:** Additional MMS and e-mail reminders are sent as deemed appropriate to ensure sufficient responses from customers.

#### **BB. PERSONALLY PROCURED MOVE (PPM)**

1. The PPM program is an alternate means of moving your personal property. You must make the arrangements at origin just as you would for a Government arranged move and complete certain other requirements to include obtaining weight tickets.
2. This program is an option available to you or to a deceased member's next of kin.
3. The PPM program allows you to personally move HHG and either be reimbursed up to the Government's cost or to collect an incentive payment from the Government when you have orders for PCS, TDY, ETS, or RET, or assignment to/from or between Government Quarters.
4. The following are authorized methods of moving your personal property:
  - a. POV PPM. There are no restrictions as to the type of POV or equipment used to perform personally procured transportation of HHG except for a Government owned vehicle.

- b. Privately Owned Trailers. The utility trailer weight applies one time only if the trailer is used as the means of conveyance. A utility trailer, with or without a tilt bed, with a single axle, and an overall length of no more than 12 feet (from rear to trailer hitch), and no wider than 8 feet (outside tire to outside tire). Side rails/body no higher than 28 inches (unless detachable) and ramp/gate for the utility trailer no higher than 4 feet (unless detachable). The member or member's dependent must own the trailer prior to the effective date of the PCS or TDY order.
    - c. Other methods include "You-Load They-Drive," Rental Equipment, Parcel Post, and Hire a Commercial Company. Contact your local TO/PPPO/PPSO to obtain Service unique details on PPM allowances and procedures.
  5. **Approval:** The TO/PPPO/PPSO must provide counseling and prior approval for a PPM move. Failing to comply with Service requirements of the program may limit payment or result in complete denial of your claim. Articles not meeting the definition of HHG in the JTR, Appendix A, are not authorized in the total weight to be shipped.
  6. **Excess Costs:** Actual authorized moving costs that exceed the Government cost is at your expense. If you draw an advance allowance based on the estimated weight of your HHG, and the actual shipment weight is less, you are required to reimburse the Government the excess amount.  
**NOTE:** Performing a PPM does not eliminate the possibility of excess cost.
  7. **Estimating Weight:** The most important step you can take to avoid paying back any of your advanced operating allowance is to accurately estimate the weight to be moved.
  8. **Weight Allowances:** The JTR weight allowances are applicable in connection with TDY, PCS, ETS, and RET moves. Your personal property counselor can advise you of your authorized weight during your counseling session. You are required to complete an inventory of HHG to determine an estimated weight.
  9. **Incentive:**
    - a. As an incentive to participate in the program, you are authorized to receive 100 percent of what it would cost the Government to transport your HHG. The computation is based on actual weight transported NTE your authorized JTR weight allowance. Your TO can estimate the constructive move cost based on the estimated weight to be moved and the authorized distance from origin to destination.
    - b. Incentive payment estimates, provided at the time of counseling, are estimates only. Overestimating the weight of your shipment may result in a larger than authorized advance allowance. If this happens, you are required to reimburse the Government the amount advanced that exceeded your authorized amount for the actual weight moved.
  10. **The member's responsibilities under the PPM program are to:**
    - a. Obtain the necessary equipment, moving aids, packing materials, and vehicles to safely transport your property.
    - b. Locate weight scales to obtain certified weight tickets (empty and full weights) for each segment of the move.
    - c. Obtain receipts for expenses IAW Service and Internal Revenue Service requirements.
    - d. Submit a settlement claim to the destination TO/PPPO/PPSO or IAW Service requirements.

The TO can provide guidance on submitting your final documentation. If you elected an advance operating allowance, you should file your final settlement claim within 45 days after the start of the move. Failure to file in a timely manner could result in the Government recouping your advanced operating allowance from your pay.

11. **Operating Expenses:** Operating expenses include any costs reasonably associated with the shipment and/or storage of HHG.
12. **Advance Operating Allowance:** An advance operating allowance, IAW your respective Service guidance/regulations, may be provided up to 60 percent of the estimated Government cost to help defray your operating cost. The operating allowance helps defray the cost of rental vehicle, gasoline, oil, tolls, packing material, moving equipment, and other services directly related to the move. Your personal property counselor can determine the amount based on your estimated weight.

**NOTE:** If you elect to draw an advance operating allowance when performing a PPM shipment, you should submit your PPM documentation to the respective TO/PPPO/PPSO or IAW Service Requirements for final computation and settlement within 45 days from the start date of the move.

13. **Weight Tickets:**

- a. Empty and full weight tickets should be obtained from a certified weigh station for each trip made. Full weight tickets are required to be dated on or after the date the member's orders are issued. The same weight ticket cannot be used on multiple order number's, the entire weight ticket must be clear, legible, and unaltered (including commercial companies you may have hired to perform the move for you) regardless of weight allowance. Your personal property counselor can provide you with a list of locations of certified scales at counseling time and inform you what information has to be included on your individual weight tickets.
- b. No passengers are to be in the vehicle when obtaining the weight tickets. If making multiple moves (i.e., TDY to several locations) separate weight tickets are required for each segment of the move.
- c. The constructive weight of seven (7) pounds per cubic foot may be authorized or approved through the Secretarial Process when weight certificates are not available due to the following reasons:
  - (1) A public or Government scale is not available.
  - (2) The HHG was moved commercially, and the carrier or contractor was paid for the move on a basis other than weight.
- d. When the carrier or contractor constructs the weight, the carrier or contractor may be requested to substantiate the reasonableness of the constructed weight. If the constructed weight is unreasonable, then the Service may base reimbursement on reasonable weight. JTR Chapter 5, paragraph 051502.
- e. If you are going to tow your POV behind the rental vehicle, the POV must be disconnected before obtaining weights.

14. **Temporary Storage:**

- a. Temporary storage for a PPM shipment is authorized only when circumstances prevent HHG delivery to the residence. Temporary storage arranged by the member must utilize a commercial storage facility (public storage) used by the general populace to store personal property. Reimbursement for commercial storage is limited to the actual expenses incurred NTE the GCC to store a like weight of HHG within the member's JTR weight allowance. You should have a residence available for delivery of the HHG upon arrival at destination. If not, you should contact the destination TO/PPPO/PPSO prior to making arrangements for storage. There is no storage authorized in connection with a local move.

- b. Types of storage may include:
    - (1) Extending truck or trailer rental time, keeping personal property in the vehicle.
    - (2) Use of mini-storage warehouses or conventional storage facilities subject to time limits in the JTR.
  - c. If you store property in a mini-storage/commercial warehouse or rental vehicle/equipment, you must pay for the storage fees and file for reimbursement once the property is removed.
15. Insurance Coverage: If you are planning to use a trailer for a PPM, check your automobile insurance policy to see if you are properly covered in case of loss or damage. Some automobile insurance companies extend coverage when trailers are towed behind a POV; others may not. If you must procure additional insurance, the expense can be claimed as an authorized operating expense.
16. Claims for Loss and Damage: You assume the risk for and are responsible for preventing loss and/or damage before, during, and after the move. Submit claims IAW current Service regulations. Because PPM move participants are responsible for arranging the entire move, claims for loss and/or damage are generally not paid except in those cases where an act transpires that is beyond your control (e.g., vehicle accident, fire, or theft) and it is determined that you are free of negligence. If you contract with a commercial moving company to pack or transport your goods, you will have to file a claim directly against that TSP before you can file a claim for loss and damage with the Government. The Government does not pay you for any amounts that you could have recovered from the TSP with which you had the contract.
17. Submit PPM settlements to:

ARMY AND AIR FORCE	Active Duty Personnel: New Permanent Duty Station TO Retired/Separated Personnel: Last Permanent Duty Station TO
NAVY Primary: <a href="mailto:hhg_audit_ppm_claims.fct@navy.mil">hhg_audit_ppm_claims.fct@navy.mil</a>	Alternate: HHG AUDIT DIV CODE 302 NAVSUP FLC NORFOLK 1968 Gilbert Street Suite 600 Norfolk, VA 23511-3392
MARINE CORPS All Marines MUST submit their completed package via the Travel Tab in Marine On-Line (MOL). Detailed instructions are available on the USMC PCS Resource page available at: <a href="https://www.iandl.marines.mil/Divisions/Logistics-Division-LP/Logistics-Distribution-Policy-Branch-LPD/PCS-Move-Resources/Personally-Procured-Move-Information/">https://www.iandl.marines.mil/Divisions/Logistics-Division-LP/Logistics-Distribution-Policy-Branch-LPD/PCS-Move-Resources/Personally-Procured-Move-Information/</a>	If you're not able to access MOL and your duty station is a Marine Corps Installation you can turn the completed PPM Package into the local DMO for submission via the Document Tracking Management System (DTMS)

COAST GUARD <a href="https://www.uscg.mil/fincen/HHG/">https://www.uscg.mil/fincen/HHG/</a>	Commanding Officer ATTN: PPM Desk U.S. Coast Guard Finance Center 1430A Kristina Way P.O. BOX 4102 Chesapeake, VA 23326-0017
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## CC. STORAGE

When authorized, a member may be entitled to either temporary storage known as SIT or long-term storage known as NTS.

### 1. SIT:

- a. SIT is short-term storage that is part of HHG transportation. SIT may occur at origin, destination, and/or anyplace en route. SIT is not authorized for HHG moves between local quarters when no PCS exists.
- b. SIT (ICW authorized HHG transportation) should not exceed 90 days unless the member requests (in writing) an additional period, NTE 90 days, that is authorized/approved by a Service/Defense Agency designated official. If no additional storage is authorized or approved, the member is financially responsible for the additional storage expense.
- c. Acceptable justification for an additional SIT period includes:
  - (1) Serious illness of the member.
  - (2) Serious illness or death of a dependent.
  - (3) Impending assignment to Government/Government-controlled quarters or privatized housing.
  - (4) Directed TDY after arrival at PDS.
  - (5) Nonavailability of suitable civilian housing.
  - (6) Awaiting completion of residence under construction.
  - (7) Natural Disaster.
- d. The maximum SIT limit of 180 days is generally adequate for most Permanent Duty Travel. Only in limited circumstances can SIT be authorized beyond 180 days IAW JTR. Your local TO/PPSO/PPPO can provide additional information if applicable.

### 2. NTS. A member may be eligible for NTS when (includes, but not limited to):

- a. A member performs PCS travel to a designated isolated CONUS Permanent Duty Station.
  - b. A member moves to/between OCONUS areas.
  - c. Is unable to use HHG in Government/Government-controlled quarters or privatized housing.
  - d. Storage is in the best interest of the Government.
  - e. In conjunction with retirement.
3. In the event your HHG are placed into NTS, keep your TO and or the TSP storing your HHG informed of any changes of address, contact phone numbers, e-mail address or receipt of new orders/authorization. If stationed overseas and your tour is extended or you PCS to another overseas tour, ensure you provide your TO a complete copy of your new orders/authorization and amendments/endorsements. This action ensures your HHG continue to be stored at Government

expense. Failure to do so may result in financial costs at your expense. For additional information contact your servicing PPSO/TO.

**NOTE:** The Government does not pay for climate controlled NTS.

4. Service members are advised to dispose of foods and liquids that could spill or spoil while in storage. Food and liquid items create an unacceptable risk to personal property. To prevent the infestation by rodents and/or insects, this prohibition is inclusive of canned food, dried food, hermetically sealed food, spices, consumable liquids, and any other applicable food items. In addition, liquid goods are prohibited due to the lack of storage facility environmental requirements (climate control). These goods are highly susceptible to freezing, breakage or leakage, which may result in damage to other personal property shipments in long-term storage.

#### **DD. TRANSPORTATION OF UNAUTHORIZED HHG ARTICLES**

Shipment of unauthorized HHG items defined in Appendix A of the JTR must be transported separately from authorized HHG. You, not the TSP, must arrange shipment of unauthorized items. When non-HHG articles are disclosed, the member is financially responsible for all identifiable transportation costs for the articles. If the transportation cost of the articles cannot be established, the weight of the non-HHG articles is excess weight per JTR. HHG shipments are subject to Quality Assurance inspections by the origin and/or the destination TOs.

#### **EE. WEBSITES TO VISIT**

1. State Wine Laws: <http://www.wineinstitute.org>.
2. Personal Importation of Alcoholic Beverages: <https://www.ttb.gov/>.
3. Alcohol Beverage Control Boards for the United States: <http://www.ttb.gov/>.
4. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) regulations: <http://www.atf.gov/>.
5. The Military OneSource website has a multitude of relocation information available for all Service members: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-housing/moving/pcs-and-military-moves/>.
6. Defense Travel Management Office: <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/>.
7. Government Services Administration “FedRooms” program offers specially negotiated Federal government hotel rates with Federal Emergency Management Administration certified hotels, simplifying hotel selections for Government travelers. The website address is <http://www.fedrooms.com>.
8. Homeowner’s Assistance Program is a special relief program designed to provide financial assistance to eligible Military and Federal employee homeowners when the real estate market is so adversely affected by a military installation partial or complete closure, a reduction in scope of operations, or a realignment that the personnel are unable to dispose of their dwellings under reasonable terms and conditions. The website address is <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Military-Missions/Real-Estate/HAP/>.
9. Internal Revenue Service Form 3903 Moving Expenses: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f3903.pdf>.
10. Internal Revenue Service Form 4684 and Publication 4684; Casualties and Thefts: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i4684.pdf> and <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4684.pdf>.
11. Moving Your Mobile Home: [https://www.ustranscom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr\\_part\\_iv\\_app\\_k\\_5.pdf](https://www.ustranscom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr_part_iv_app_k_5.pdf) and select “Moving Your Mobile Home”.



12. Military OneSource/Moving & Housing/PCS & Military Moves:  
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-housing/moving/pcs-and-military-moves/>.
13. For entitlement questions and assistance, visit <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-housing/moving/planning-your-move/customer-service-contacts-for-military-pcs/>.
14. PDTATAC maintains and implements new statutory changes to the JTR. Within the regulations are per diem, travel and transportation allowances, relocation allowances, and certain other allowances of Uniformed Service members (including regular and reserve components) based on law. The website is <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/>.
15. POV Locator: <https://www.pcsmypov.com>.
16. Shipping a POV: [https://www.ustranscom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr\\_part\\_iv\\_app\\_k\\_3.pdf](https://www.ustranscom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr_part_iv_app_k_3.pdf) and select “Shipping Your POV”.
17. Storing a POV: [https://www.ustranscom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr\\_part\\_iv\\_app\\_k\\_4.pdf](https://www.ustranscom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr_part_iv_app_k_4.pdf) and select “Storing Your POV”.
18. Weight Estimator Form: <https://www.ustranscom.mil/dp3/index.cfm> and access the “Weight Estimator” tab.

APPLICATION FOR SHIPMENT AND/OR STORAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY <i>(Read Privacy Act Statement on back before completing form.)</i>		1. DATE PREPARED (DDMMYYYY)	2. SHIPMENT NUMBER
3. NAME OF PREPARING OFFICE		4. TO (Responsible Origin Personal Property Shipping Office)	
		a. NAME	
5. DESTINATION PERSONAL PROPERTY SHIPPING OFFICE		b. ADDRESS (Street, Suite Number, City, State, ZIP Code)	
a. NAME			
b. TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Include Area Code)		c. TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Include Area Code)	
6. CUSTOMER INFORMATION			
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		b. DOD ID	c. RANK/GRADE
d. AGENCY	e. EMAIL ADDRESS PRIMARY (Work)	f. EMAIL ADDRESS ALTERNATE (Personal)	
7. REQUEST ACTION BE TAKEN TO TRANSPORT OR STORE THE FOLLOWING HOUSEHOLD GOODS/UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE/ ITEMS AND/OR POUNDS OF PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS AND EQUIPMENT (PBP&E) (Enter quantity estimate)			
a. AUTHORIZED WEIGHT	b. ESTIMATED WEIGHT	c. ESTIMATED MEMBER PBP&E	d. ESTIMATED MIL SPOUSE PBP&E
8. THIS SHIPMENT/STORAGE IS REQUIRED INCIDENT TO THE FOLLOWING ORDERS:			
a. TYPE ORDERS (X one) <input type="checkbox"/> PERMANENT <input type="checkbox"/> TEMPORARY		b. ISSUED BY	c. NEW DUTY ASSIGNMENT
d. DATE OF ORDERS (DDMMYYYY)		e. ORDERS NUMBER	
9. PICKUP (ORIGIN) INFORMATION		10. DESTINATION INFORMATION	
a. ADDRESS (Street, Apartment Number, City, County, State, ZIP Code)		a. ADDRESS (Street, Apartment Number, City, County, State, ZIP Code)	
b. TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Duty/Home/Cell) (Include Area Code)		b. TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Duty/Home/Cell) (Include Area Code)	
c. AGENT DESIGNATED TO RELEASE PROPERTY/TELEPHONE NUMBER		c. AGENT DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE PROPERTY/TELEPHONE NUMBER	
11. EXTRA PICKUP INFORMATION (If applicable)		12. EXTRA DELIVERY INFORMATION (If applicable)	
a. ADDRESS (Street, Apartment Number, City, County, State, ZIP Code)		a. ADDRESS (Street, Apartment Number, City, County, State, ZIP Code)	
b. TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Duty/Home/Cell) (Include Area Code)		b. TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Duty/Home/Cell) (Include Area Code)	
c. AGENT DESIGNATED TO RELEASE PROPERTY/TELEPHONE NUMBER		c. AGENT DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE PROPERTY/TELEPHONE NUMBER	
13. INTRANSIT INFORMATION/PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS		b. TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Duty/Home/Cell) (Include Area Code)	
a. ADDRESS (Street, Apartment Number, City, County, State, ZIP Code)			
		c. EMAIL ADDRESS (Other than Primary or Alternate)	
14. DESIRED DATES FOR (DDMMYYYY)			
a. EARLIEST PICKUP	b. LATEST PICKUP	c. DESIRED PICKUP	d. EST SHPT ARRIVAL
15. DIRECT DELIVERY REQUESTED (X one) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
16. REMARKS			
17. CERTIFICATION OF SHIPMENT RESPONSIBILITIES/STORAGE CONDITIONS I certify that I have read and understand my shipping responsibilities and storage conditions printed on the back side of this form.			
a. SIGNATURE OF CUSTOMER		b. DATE SIGNED (DDMMYYYY)	
18. CERTIFICATE IN LIEU OF SIGNATURE ON THIS FORM IS REQUIRED WHEN REGULATIONS SO AUTHORIZE. Personal property is baggage, household goods, and/or professional books, papers and equipment authorized to be shipped at government expense.			
a. REASON FOR NONAVAILABILITY OF SIGNATURE		b. CERTIFIED BY (Signature)	
		c. TITLE	

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Figure A-K1-1. DD Form 1299, Application for Shipment and/or Storage of Personal Property

<b>PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT</b>	
<p><b>AUTHORITY:</b> 37 USC 406 and 5 USC 5726.</p> <p><b>PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S):</b> For evaluating requests submitted by Service members and eligible individuals for shipment and/or storage of personal property. Also used to prepare the Government bill of lading and other shipping documents (as applicable) to move the personal property. Used by the Finance Office for collection from the customer in case goods to be shipped exceed Government entitlement limits.</p> <p><b>ROUTINE USE(S):</b> DD Form 1299 may be provided to commercial Transportation Service Providers (TSP) carriers and/or their designated shipping agents as the official shipping and storage order.</p> <p><b>DISCLOSURE:</b> Voluntary; however, failure to provide the requested information may delay shipment and/or storage of your personal property and impede storage arrangements.</p>	
<b>CERTIFICATION OF SHIPMENT RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	
<p>In consideration of said household goods or mobile home being shipped at Government expense, I hereby agree that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. This shipment/storage lot consists of my property or the property awarded to my ex-spouse incident to a divorce which was acquired by me prior to the effective date of my orders.</li><li>2. If my orders are modified or cancelled and affect this shipment, I will immediately notify the shipping office at point of origin (or port, if any) and destination.</li><li>3. I will remit the proper amount or consent to the collection from my pay as may be necessary to cover all excess costs occasioned by this shipment.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. I agree, prior to shipment and at my expense to place my mobile home in condition to withstand transportation.</li><li>5. I understand the entitlements for transportation of my mobile home and/or shipment of household goods/unaccompanied baggage are provided for in Chapter 5 of JTR.</li><li>6. I understand the Government will not be responsible for goods remaining in storage after the expiration of the authorized period. I also understand the timeline for all my responsibilities for filing a claim on those goods begins when Government responsibility expires.</li><li>7. Professional books, papers and equipment are or were necessary in the performance of official duties Member/Spouse if applicable.</li></ol>
<b>CONDITION FOR STORAGE</b>	
<p>In consideration of said household goods being stored at Government expense, I hereby agree as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. I will notify the transportation office responsible for storing my nontemporary storage account of any changes in my storage entitlement.</li><li>2. The Government is authorized to enter into any agreement and to do all acts and things which may be convenient or necessary to store the household goods. Storage of the household goods is furnished subject to such applicable laws and regulations as are now or may hereafter be in effect.</li><li>3. The Government may store the household goods in Government facilities or in commercial storage under a Government contract.</li><li>4. The Government may move or transfer by any appropriate means the household goods from their present location to Government or commercial storage facilities and from such facilities to an appropriate destination upon termination of storage.</li><li>5. When the household goods are stored in Government facilities and the authorized period for storage at Government expense expires, the Government may require me to remove the household goods from their place of storage. In the event, after 30 days notice, I fail to remove the household</li></ol>	<p>goods, or if, after diligent effort, notice to me cannot be effected, the Government may proceed as follows: (a) place and store the household goods in commercial storage at my expense, or (b) if a commercial warehouse will not accept the household goods for commercial storage at my expense, the Government is hereby authorized to take whatever action in accordance with law and regulation may be deemed appropriate to effect disposition of the household goods.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6. When the household goods are stored in commercial facilities and the authorized period of storage at Government expense expires, all storage and incidental charges accruing after the last day of the authorized period of storage shall be at my expense.</li><li>7. The Government shall not be liable for charges incident to storage or services in connection with the household goods (1) not authorized by law or regulation to be at Government expense, (2) in excess of weight limitations imposed by law or regulation, or (3) after the expiration of the period of which storage at Government expense is authorized.</li><li>8. All new Government contracts for the storage of household goods limits the liability of \$6.00 times the net weight of the lot is mandatory at each NTS Facility location. Applicants are advised to consider obtaining insurance on their household goods while such goods are in storage.</li></ol>

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