

## Consumable Goods Allowances

### A. Consumable Goods Allowances Eligibility

#### 1. Service Member

A Service member assigned to a PDS in a location listed in the table below is authorized to ship up to 1,250 pounds of suitable consumable goods for each tour-year. For example, for a 12-month tour a Service member is authorized 1,250 pounds and for an 18-month tour a Service member is authorized 1,875 pounds. A Service member authorized a consumable goods allowance is allowed two consumable goods shipments a year, but he or she may not exceed the maximum allowance of 1,250 pounds for each tour-year.

#### 2. Civilian Employee

A civilian employee assigned to a PDS in a location listed below is authorized to ship up to 1,250 pounds of suitable consumable goods for each tour-year. For example, for a 12-month tour a civilian employee is authorized 1,250 pounds and for an 18-month tour a civilian employee is authorized 1,875 pounds. A civilian employee authorized a consumable goods allowance is allowed two consumable goods shipments a year, but he or she may not exceed the maximum allowance of 1,250 pounds for each tour-year.

a. This allowance is in addition to the 4,500-pound weight allowance authorized in JTR, Table 5-86, "Allowed Transportation of HHG and PBP&E".

b. In no event may the total weight of the household goods (HHG) transported or stored at Government expense exceed 18,000 pounds.

c. The 18,000-pound weight limitation includes the weight of the HHG transported at Government expense, the weight of the HHG stored, and consumable goods shipments.

#### 3. Increased Weight Allowance

Requests for increased weight allowances for consumable goods shipments must be justified in writing and sent through the appropriate organizational channels to the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) for action. In no event may the maximum weight allowance for consumable goods shipment exceed 2,000 pounds in a tour-year.

#### 4. Authorized Consumable Goods Allowance Locations

Authorized Consumable Goods Allowance Locations	
Afghanistan, Kabul	Kosovo, Pristina
Albania, Tirana	Laos, Vientiane, effective June 27, 2012
Algeria, Algiers	Latvia, Riga
Angola, Luanda	Liberia, Monrovia
Armenia, Yerevan	Libya, Tripoli
Azerbaijan, Baku	Lithuania, Vilnius

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Bangladesh, Dhaka	Madagascar, Antananarivo
Belarus, Minsk	Malawi, Lilongwe
Benin, Cotonou	Mali, Bamako
Bolivia, La Paz	Marshall Islands, Majuro, effective June 27, 2012
Bosnia and Herzegovina, Federation of	Mauritania, Nouakchott
Botswana	Micronesia, Kolonia
Bulgaria, Sofia	Moldova, Chisinau, effective June 27, 2012
Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou	Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar
Burma, Rangoon	Montenegro, Podgorica
Burundi, Bujumbura	Mozambique, Maputo
Cambodia, Phnom Penh	Namibia, Windhoek, effective January 24, 2012
Cameroon	Nepal, Kathmandu
Douala, effective June 27, 2012	Nicaragua, Managua
Yaoundé	Niger, Niamey
Cape Verde, Praia	Nigeria
Central African Republic, Bangui	Abuja
Chad, N'Djamena	Lagos
China	Norway, Bodo
Beijing	Oman, Muscat
Chengdu	Pakistan
Guangzhou	Islamabad
Shanghai	Quetta
Shenyang	Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby, effective March 25, 2020
Wuhan, effective June 27, 2012	Philippines, Manila
Congo, Democratic Republic of the, Kinshasa	Poland
Congo, Republic of the, Brazzaville	Bydgoszcz
Cote d'Ivoire, Abidjan	Szczecin
Cuba, Havana	Warsaw
Cyprus, Nicosia	Romania, Bucharest
Czech Republic, Vyskov	Russia
Djibouti	Moscow
East Timor (See Timor, L'Este)	St. Petersburg
Ecuador, Quito	Vladivostok
Equatorial Guinea, Malabo	Yekaterinburg
Eritrea, Asmara	Rwanda, Kigali
Estonia	Senegal
Ethiopia, Addis Ababa	Serbia, Belgrade
Fiji, Suva	Sierra Leone, Freetown
Gabon, Libreville	Slovakia, Trencin
Gambia, Banjul, effective May 4, 2014	Somalia, Mogadishu
Georgia, Tbilisi	Sri Lanka, Colombo
Ghana, Accra	Sudan, Khartoum
Grenada, St. George's	Suriname, Paramaribo
Guinea, Conakry	Syria, Damascus
Guyana, Georgetown	Tajikistan, Dushanbe

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Haiti, Port Au Prince, effective June 27, 2012	Tanzania, Dar es Salaam
India	Thailand, Udorn, effective June 27, 2012
Calcutta	Timor, L'Este, Dili
Chennai	Togo, Lome
Kolkata, effective June 27, 2012	Turkmenistan, Ashgabat
Mumbai	Uganda, Kampala
New Delhi	Ukraine, Kiev
Indonesia	Uzbekistan, Tashkent
Iraq, Baghdad, effective December 3, 2019	Venezuela, Caracas
Ivory Coast (See Cote d'Ivoire)	Vietnam
Kazakhstan	Hanoi, effective June 27, 2012
Almaty (Alma-Ata)	Ho Chi Minh City, effective June 27, 2012
Astana (Aqmola)	Yemen, Sanaa
Kenya, Kisumu	Zambia, Lusaka
Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek	Zimbabwe, Harare, effective June 27, 2012
Macedonia, Skopje	
PDTATAC began publishing effective dates on 24 January, 2012. For help processing claims prior to 24 January, 2012, please contact PDTATAC Staff by email at <a href="mailto:dodhra.mc-alex.dtmo.mbx.pdtatac-staff@mail.mil">dodhra.mc-alex.dtmo.mbx.pdtatac-staff@mail.mil</a> to request the applicable effective date.	

**B. Criteria For Establishing A Consumable Goods Allowance**

1. The senior officer in the location concerned may submit a justified request for the area to be designated as a location outside of the continental United States (OCONUS) to which consumable goods may be shipped. The justified request is sent through the appropriate organizational channels to the following for approval:

Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee  
Attn: Policy and Regulations Branch  
4800 Mark Center Drive  
Suite 04J25-01  
Alexandria, VA 22350-9000

2. The request must address the following questions:

- a. How many Service members and DoD employees serve in the location?
- b. Are State Department employees authorized a consumable goods shipment to the location?
- c. What types of consumable goods are unavailable locally? Please include foodstuffs, household, and personal items.
- d. Is the quality of consumable goods available locally equivalent to the American counterpart? If not, explain.
- e. What factors contribute to the lack of a reliable local source of adequate, necessary consumable goods? Are those factors likely to improve in the foreseeable future?

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f. Do locally available fresh foods require preparation far different from the American counterpart of those foods? If so, explain.

g. Why do Service members and civilian employees prefer to or need to eat canned, dried, or processed vegetables and produce rather than locally available items?

h. Do food shortages require Service members or civilian employees to wait in line for items for long periods?

i. Does the State Department have a commissary, food locker, or co-op at the location? If so:

(a) What is the space and storage capacity of the facility?

(b) What variety of items is available?

(c) How often is it restocked?

(d) Can Service members and civilian employees place bulk orders for consumable goods through the facility?

(e) How often are bulk orders placed?

(f) Are the bulk orders received on time?

j. Who is the point of contact for this request? Please include commercial phone and fax numbers and email address, if available.

3. The high price of consumable goods in a location is not a factor in deciding whether to establish a consumable goods allowance. The Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) is designed to offset a high cost of living at a PDS OCONUS.