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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES
DIRECTORS OF DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Authorized and Ordered Departure Termination – People’s Republic of China

The Department of State (DOS) is terminating the Authorized Departure from the People’s Republic of China – except for Consulate General Wuhan, which was terminated on August 21, 2020 – for eligible family members (EFMs), including DoD EFMs, and non-emergency U.S. Direct Hire employees, effective August 26, 2020. The DOS also is terminating the Ordered Departure from the People’s Republic of China for EFMs under the age of 21, including DoD EFMs, effective August 26, 2020.

DoD EFMs and non-emergency civilian personnel are therefore expected to depart for the People’s Republic of China in the most expeditious manner possible within 10 days of the date the Authorized Departure and Ordered Departure are terminated, keeping in mind that evacuation benefits may not be paid for more than 180 days.

The Stop Forward Movement Order for travel to the People’s Republic of China, issued on January 31, 2020, is terminated. Any travel to the People’s Republic of China must be in compliance with the May 22, 2020 Secretary of Defense Memorandum, “Transition to Conditions-based Phased Approach to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions.”

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