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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: UTD/CTD for MAP 119-08/CAP 123-08 – Authorize Special Weight Allowance for PBP&E for Dependent Spouses

1. SYNOPSIS: National Defense Authorization Bill Fiscal Year 2009, Section 621, Special Weight Allowance for Transportation of Professional Books and Equipment for Spouses provides the authority that the Secretary concerned may authorize an additional weight allowance up to 500 pounds for professional books, papers and equipment (PBP&E) that belong to the member's spouse when on a Permanent Change of Station.
2. The Committee Chair has approved the attached changes to the Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Volume 1 (JFTR), and Joint Travel Regulations, Volume 2 (JTR), made in MAP 119-08/CAP 123-08.
3. This determination is an advance notice of the changes to the JFTR and JTR. You are requested to disseminate this determination to the appropriate offices within your Service.
4. These changes are scheduled to appear in JFTR change number 268, and JTR change number 522, dated 1 April 2009.
5. This determination is *effective on 12 January 2009*, when it was approved by the Chairman.

//Signed//
S. W. Westbrook
Director

Attachment:
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PROPOSED JFTR REVISIONS

U5310:

C. Professional Books, Papers, and Equipment (PBP&E)

1. A member is authorized PBP&E transportation, when the member certifies the PBP&E as necessary for official duty.
2. The Secretarial Process for each Service may authorize a member an additional weight allowance NTE 500 pounds for PBP&E that belongs to the member's spouse when on a PCS.
- 3 PBP&E is transported in the same manner as HHG, including incident to separation, relief from active duty or retirement, but is not charged against the authorized weight allowances in par. U5310-B.
4. When the items no longer qualify as PBP&E, they may be transported or placed in NTS incident to the next PCS as PBP&E.
5. Articles which lose their identities as PBP&E continue as HHG, if otherwise qualified.
6. PBP&E must be declared at origin and documented IAW transportation policy and procedures.

APP A:

PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT (PBP&E) FOR MEMBER. (*Also called PRO or PRO-Gear.*) HHG in a member's or employee's possession needed for the performance of official duties at the next or a later destination (B-171877.03, 15 December 1976, B-196994, 9 May 1980, and B-251563, 14 June 1993). The following items are PBP&E:

1. Reference material;
2. Instruments, tools, and equipment peculiar to technicians, mechanics, and members of the professions;
3. Specialized clothing such as diving suits, astronauts' suits, flying suits and helmets, band uniforms, chaplains' vestments, and other specialized apparel not normal or usual uniform or clothing;
4. Communication equipment used by a member in association with the MARS (see DODD 4650.2);
5. Individually owned or specially issued field clothing and equipment;
6. An official award given to a member by a Service (or a component thereof) for service performed by the member in the member's capacity or by a professional society/organization/U.S. or foreign Gov't for significant contributions ICW official duties; and
7. Personal computers and accompanying equipment used for official GOV'T business (i.e., CPU, monitor, keyboard, mouse, 1 printer, 1 set of small computer speakers).

NOTE: Excluded from PBP&E are commercial products for sale/resale used in conducting business, sports equipment, and office, household, or shop fixtures or furniture (such as bookcases, study/computer desks, file cabinets, and racks) of any kind even though used ICW the PBP&E.

PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT (PBP&E) FOR A MEMBER'S DEPENDENT SPOUSE. *(Also called PRO or PRO-Gear). (NOT APPLICABLE TO AN EMPLOYEE'S DEPENDENT SPOUSE).* HHG in a spouse's possession needed for the member's spouse employment or community support activities at the next or a later destination. The following items are PBP&E:

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; and
4. Personal computers and accompanying equipment used for business or community support activities (i.e., CPU, monitor, keyboard, mouse, 1 printer, 1 set of small computer speakers).

NOTE: *Excluded from PBP&E are commercial products for sale/resale used in conducting business, sports equipment, and office, household, or shop fixtures or furniture (such as bookcases, study/computer desks, file cabinets, and racks) of any kind even though used ICW the PBP&E.*