

SUBJECT: (FOUO) USAREUR GENADMIN (PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION (PCS) TRAVEL GUIDANCE)

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USAREUR MESSAGE #XXXXXXX

(U) PURPOSE. TO REINFORCE RECENT CHANGES TO PASSENGER TRAVEL TO AND FROM EUROPE AND CONUS.

REFERENCES.

REF/A/ (U) USAREUR GENADMIN, DTG: 141436Z DEC 11, SUBJ: (FOUO) USAREUR TRANSITION TO PATRIOT EXPRESS.

REF/B/ (U) DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION REGULATION - PART I, DTD 6 APR 12, SUBJ: (FOUO) PASSENGER MOVEMENT I-103-5.

REF/C/ (U) USAREUR COMMAND MEMORANDUM, DTD 6 FEB 12 SUBJ: (FOUO) PATRIOT EXPRESS.

1. (U) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION.

1.A. (U) PATRIOT EXPRESS (PE) IS A USTRANSCOM PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES GOVERNMENT FUNDED AIR TRAVEL FOR OVERSEAS LOCATIONS. PE CONSISTS OF NINE ROUTES WORLD-WIDE, FOUR OF WHICH PASS THROUGH RAMSTEIN AIR BASE (RAB) TO BALTIMORE WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BWI). THEREFORE, PE REFERS TO ALL USTRANSCOM MISSIONS AND NOT JUST A SINGLE FLIGHT. THE DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION REGULATION (DTR) STATES THAT, WHERE AVAILABLE, PE WILL BE THE FIRST PRIORITY FOR OCONUS TRAVEL UNLESS THERE IS A DOCUMENTED NEGATIVE MISSION CRITICAL IMPACT IAW APPENDIX G OF REF B.

1.B. (U) RECENTLY, USEUCOM (TO INCLUDE USAREUR) BEGAN USING THE PE AS THE PRIMARY MEANS OF TRANSPORTING SERVICE MEMBERS IN A PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION STATUS TO EUROPE AND CONUS. BECAUSE OF THIS CHANGE TO AIR TRAVEL POLICY, USTRANSCOM ESTABLISHED ONE DEDICATED FLIGHT TO THE EUROPEAN THEATER. THIS FLIGHT DEPARTS BWI ON MONDAY EVENING AND ARRIVES AT RAB ON TUESDAY MORNING AND IS THE PRIMARY FLIGHT FOR SATO/ITO TO BOOK TRANSITIONING SOLDIERS. THE FLIGHT THEN DEPARTS FOR BWI THE SAME MORNING TO ARRIVE IN CONUS BY MID-AFTERNOON ON TUESDAY. THIS PROVIDES CONUS-BOUND TRAVELERS MORE OPTIONS FOR CONNECTING FLIGHTS TO THEIR FINAL DESTINATION.

2. (U) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

2.A (U) IF THERE IS NO SPACE AVAILABLE ON THE TUESDAY MISSION, SATO/ITO AGENTS MUST LOOK TO OTHER PE MISSIONS WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE SOLDIERS AVAILABILITY DATE FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT.

2.B (U) EACH PE MISSION HAS 10 PET SPACES AVAILABLE FOR RESERVATION BY THE BOOKING SATO/ITO AGENT. IF THERE IS NO PET SPACE AVAILABLE ON THE PRIMARY (TUESDAY) PE MISSION, SATO/ITO MUST LOOK FOR AVAILABILITY ON ONE OF THE OTHER PE MISSIONS WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE SOLDIERS AVAILABILITY DATE. CURRENTLY THERE ARE AN AVERAGE OF FOUR (4) PE MISSIONS PER WEEK WITH BWI AS THE FINAL DESTINATION. THIS EQUATES TO 40 PET SPACES PER WEEK THAT SATO/ITO AGENTS CAN RESERVE IN THE GATES SYSTEM.

2.C. (U) COMMANDERS, GARRISON MPDS, TRANSPORTATION OFFICES, AND SATO/ITOS MUST ENSURE THAT SOLDIER LEAVE FORMS ARE PREPARED AND AUTHORIZED ACCORDING TO THEIR SCHEDULED PE MISSION DATE. THIS INCLUDES SOLDIERS WHO DESIRE TO TAKE IN-COUNTRY LEAVE BEFORE DEPARTING GERMANY. SOLDIERS DESIRING TO TAKE IN-COUNTRY LEAVE BEFORE DEPARTING EUROPE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR TRANSPORTATION TO RAB IN ORDER TO MEET THEIR ESTABLISHED PORT CALL. IN COUNTRY LEAVE IS NOT JUSTIFICATION TO USE COMMERCIAL TICKETING. SATO/ITO

AGENTS WILL BOOK SOLDIERS ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE PE MISSION FOLLOWING THEIR IN-COUNTRY LEAVE.

2.D. (U) WHEN THE COMMAND DEEMS IT NECESSARY/REASONABLE FOR TRAVELERS TO ARRIVE AT THE TERMINAL DESTINATION THE DAY PRIOR TO THEIR FLIGHT, TRAVELERS ARE AUTHORIZED PER DIEM WHILE LODGING IN THE VICINITY OF THE KMC AREA. THE AUTHORIZATION FOR TRAVELING TO THE KMC AREA THE DAY PRIOR IS BASED ON THE JFTR, PARAGRAPH U3006, WHICH STATES THAT IN DETERMINING A TRAVEL SCHEDULE, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE TRAVELER NOT BEING SCHEDULED FOR DEPARTURE AND ARRIVALS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2400 AND 0600 UNLESS THAT IS THE ONLY SCHEDULE AVAILABLE OR REQUIRED BY THE MISSION.

2.D.1. (U) TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR LODGING EXPENSES INCURRED WHILE IN THE KMC AREA, TRAVELERS MUST ANNOTATE THEIR TRAVEL SETTLEMENT VOUCHER SHOWING THEM DEPARTING FROM THEIR OLD PDS, ARRIVING AT THE TERMINAL DESTINATION, AND MARKING THE REASON FOR THE STOP AS AN AUTHORIZED DELAY.

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