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Subject: Change in Baggage Allowance for International Military Students when travel is paid by a US Funded program

REFERENCES: (a) Joint Security Cooperation Education & Training (JSCET)
 Chapter 7 (Draft)
 (b) DSCA E-mail dated 16 November 2005

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		New		Modification		Cancellation

Summary:

Para 7-3 of reference (a) has been updated to provide a change to authorized excess baggage because some airlines have changed the allowable checked baggage weight from 70 lbs to 50 lbs.

Action:

- In accordance with reference (b), the new authorized baggage allowance is effective immediately. The new policy is provided as follows:

For calculating total duration, computation shall be from report date to end date plus travel time from home country and return to home country (excluding leave).

a. When travel/transportation is funded by the country. The cost of transporting FMS IMS personal excess baggage is the responsibility of IMS or his/her country.

b. When travel/transportation is included in the USG training program.

(1) The baggage weight allowances described in paragraphs (3) through (7) below are authorized for IMS when travel costs are charged to the U.S. funded program, and apply to both oversea travel and travel to U.S. training installations. Baggage in excess of the amount authorized in this regulation will be at the expense of the IMS or his/her government.

(2) Excess baggage is authorized for IMS under certain conditions (length of training and type of course(s)). Excess baggage is that amount over the baggage permitted by the transportation carrier. Training duration indicated in paragraphs (3) through (6) below will be determined using the report date for the first course and the projected graduation date for the last course.

(3) Two pieces of checked baggage, not to exceed 50 pounds each, are authorized for IMS receiving travel and living allowance (TLA) when training is less than 12 weeks. (No excess baggage is authorized.)

(4) Three pieces of checked baggage, not to exceed 50 pounds each, are authorized for IMS receiving TLA when training is 12 to 23 weeks. (One piece of excess baggage is authorized.)

(5) Four pieces of checked baggage, not to exceed 50 pounds each, are authorized for IMS receiving TLA for 24 to 35 weeks. (Two pieces of excess baggage are authorized.)

(6) Five pieces of checked baggage, not to exceed 50 pounds each, are authorized for IMS receiving TLA for 36 weeks and longer. (Three pieces of excess baggage is authorized.)

(7) In addition to the allowance in paragraphs (3) through (6) above, one additional piece of baggage (Six pieces of checked baggage/four pieces of excess baggage) is authorized for the following IMS receiving TLA for:

(a) Accompanied IMS attending the Professional Military Education, graduate, and postgraduate programs listed in DOD 5105.38-M, table C10.T3.

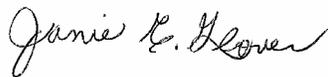
(b) IMS attending flight training.

(8) If U.S. and foreign flag carrier airlines differ in free baggage allowance, or baggage is authorized over 100 pounds, transportation officers may issue a Miscellaneous Charge Order (MCO), or the equivalent to cover the difference, up to the free allowable amount of the U.S. flag carriers, and also any authorized excess baggage allowance. The IMSO may determine the cost of the authorized excess baggage and include it in the last living allowance payment, if a MCO is not available. If neither a MCO, nor advance payment of the authorized excess baggage is feasible, the IMS may file a travel reimbursement claim upon return to home country with the assistance of the SAO.

(9) Baggage size, dimensions, and weight, will conform to carrier stipulations. Baggage must accompany the IMS. No change in baggage allowances will be made after students have departed country.

(10) When any portion of the travel cost is paid by the foreign government, the baggage allowance for that portion of the travel is without restriction if the cost of the excess weight is paid by the foreign government. However, for that portion of the travel paid from U.S. program funds, each IMS is authorized baggage allowance not to exceed the limitations in (1) through (7) above.

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