

14 FAM 550 USE OF U.S. MILITARY TRANSPORTATION

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The Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Transportation Policy (OADUSD(TP))), must approve in advance the use of military transportation except for foreign disaster emergency relief (see 14 FAM 551.3) for which DOD approval is obtained from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (OASD(ISA)).

14 FAM 551.1 Request Procedure

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Except for activities listed in 14 FAM 551.2 and 14 FAM 551.3, requests for U.S. military transportation must be sent to the Travel and Transportation Management Division (A/LM/OPS/TTM). The request must:

- (1) Certify that the mission to be performed is in the U.S. national interest. Sufficient detail must be included to enable the Department to properly evaluate and determine that the request meets this criterion;
- (2) Certify that commercial transportation is either not available or, for reasons which must be specified, is not capable of satisfying the requirement. Commercial transportation includes U.S. and foreign carriers, scheduled or chartered, air or surface mode; and
- (3) Include appropriate fiscal data that will be used for payment to DOD of the requested passenger or cargo transportation:
 - (a) Lower cost or shorter transit time available via military transportation is not sufficient justification to obtain DOD

- approval;
- (b) If the request is in order, the Assistant Secretary for Administration will ask DOD for use of Air Mobility Command (AMC) or Military Sealift Command (MSC) service, as appropriate; and
 - (c) If U.S. military transportation is approved, A/LM/OPS/TTM will transmit copies of request and approval to the appropriate paying office.

14 FAM 551.2 Aeromedical Transportation

14 FAM 551.2-1 U.S. Government Employees and/or Eligible Family Members

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See 3 FAM.

14 FAM 551.2-2 Nongovernment U.S. Citizen Employees Other than U.S. Government Employees and/or Eligible Family Members

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See 7 FAM.

14 FAM 551.2-3 Foreign Nationals

14 FAM 551.2-3(A) Cases not Acceptable for Aeromedical Transportation

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Cases that are not acceptable for aeromedical transportation include:

- (1) Terminal cases;
- (2) Nonreimbursable cases;
- (3) Personal or family convenience cases; and

- (4) Medical experimentation (unless determined by competent medical authority that such experimentation will save a life) cases.

14 FAM 551.2-3(B) Emergency Lifesaving Aeromedical Transportation

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(Foreign Service)

- a. The following criteria will be strictly adhered to in determining transportation eligibility:
 - (1) The patient's illness or injury must be an immediate threat to the patient's life;
 - (2) Patient is situated where medical capabilities of adequate diagnosis and treatment, under generally accepted medical standards are not available in the immediate geographical area. Transportation will be requested only to the nearest medical facility which can provide such necessary medical capability; and
 - (3) Suitable commercial transportation must not be available. It must be ascertained by the requester that commercial facilities (charter air ambulances or air taxis or scheduled air carriers or surface carriers) are unable to provide the necessary transportation. This will be checked by the HQMAC aeromedical duty officer to ensure compliance with DOD policy that the DOD will not compete with the commercial transportation industry in providing this service.
- b. All requests for lifesaving transportation must contain the following information:
 - (1) Name, age, and sex of patient;
 - (2) Affiliation of patient (foreign government, etc);
 - (3) Complete medical diagnosis and prognosis;
 - (4) Name and phone number of attending physician;
 - (5) Name and location of origin hospital;
 - (6) Name and location of destination hospital;
 - (7) Name and phone number of receiving physician;
 - (8) A statement that possible use of commercial transportation facilities has been fully explored and cannot meet the requirement;
 - (9) Name and phone number of person requesting transportation;
 - (10) Billing address (bona fide lifesaving missions will not be delayed pending receipt of billing address); and

- (11) Name and phone number of persons responsible for surface ambulance transportation at both origin and destination.
- c. Send all requests for lifesaving transportation, including the information specified in paragraph b of this section, by "Immediate" telegram to the Department's Travel and Transportation Management Division (A/LM/OPS/TTM). Also include distribution to the appropriate geographic bureaus.
- d. The following info addresses should be used:
- (1) For all messages from any post worldwide:
HQUSAF WASHDC//SGHGR//TACC//
HQ AMC SCOTT AFB IL//SGXO//FMIA//
57AES SCOTT AFB IL//SGO//
- (2) For Europe, Middle East, and Africa, add the following:
USECOM9VAIHINGON0 STUTTGART GE//ECMO//
USCENTCOM MCDILL AFB FL//CCSG//
2AES RAMSTEIN AB GE//CC//
HQ USAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE//SGPF//
- (3) For the Far East-Pacific, add the following:
USPACOM CAP SPRING HI//J76//
HQ PACAF HICKMAN AFB HI//SGPF//
9AEA YOKOTA AB JA//CC//
- (4) For South and Central America, and the Caribbean, add the following:
USSOUTHCOM QUARRY HEIGHTS PA//SG//
USAF CLINIC HOWARD AFB PA//SG//
- e. Within areas abroad: foreign nationals. The commander abroad has approval authority if the patient's injury or illness is directly related to U.S. Government operations within the area. Otherwise, requests for movement of foreign nationals must be forwarded to HQ AMC SCOTT AFB IL//SGXO//FMIA//, through the local diplomatic post and the Department of State's Travel and Transportation Management Division (A/LM/OPS/TTM), Washington, DC 20520, for a determination of whether movement is in the national interest. When the critical nature of the patient's illness or injury precludes submission of a request, the major commander may approve the request based on own determination of U.S. interests. The appropriate aeromedical transportation agency will be asked to carry out the mission. A message of confirmation will be dispatched to AMC/FMIA indicating the nature of reimbursement (for example, other U.S. Government agency or Air Force mission account).

14 FAM 551.2-3(C) Other than Lifesaving Conditions

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Post should forward these requests by telegram to the Department (A/LM/OPS/TTM) providing full background and justification as to why aeromedical transportation is requested. Information on the patient requested in 14 FAM 551.2-3(B), paragraph b, should be included. When the Department (A/LM/OPS/TTM) through the Assistant Secretary for Administration, requests transportation, certifying that such transportation is in the national interest and that commercial transportation is neither available nor capable of meeting the requirement, aeromedical transportation may be provided within the area abroad and from abroad to a CONUS hospital under other than lifesaving conditions. This transportation must be recommended by the responsible Theater Air Force surgeon and authorized by HQ AMC Scott AFB IL//SGXO//FMIA//. One member of the immediate family may accompany a patient as a nonmedical attendant when competent medical authority determines that a family member's presence is essential to the patient's mental and/or physical well being. The sponsoring authority's request must indicate the agency or individual responsible for reimbursement and provide a specific name and address for direct billing. Reimbursement will be at the non-U.S. Government Rate Tariff, AFR 76-28, paragraph 5, plus applicable in-flight medical charges. If aeromedical transportation on other than a routine basis (that is, urgent or priority) is required, the tariffs prescribed in AFR 76-28, paragraph 4b, will be charged.

14 FAM 551.2-3(D) Admission to U.S. Military Hospitals

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(Foreign Service)

- a. Under emergency, lifesaving conditions where the request from the post or bureau includes both aeromedical transportation on U.S. military aircraft and admission to the appropriate U.S. military hospital, the Travel and Transportation Management Division (A/LM/OPS/TTM) will coordinate and request both the hospital admission and the transportation from the DOD.
- b. Under other than lifesaving conditions, the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM) will obtain DOD permission to admit the foreign national to the appropriate U.S. military hospital. The Travel and Transportation Management Division (A/LM/OPS/TTM) will then approach DOD for use of military aircraft to transport the patient if this has been requested by the

post or bureau. If commercial transportation is to be used, this should be clearly stated in the post or bureau request, as the Traffic Management Branch does not arrange for commercial transportation of foreign nationals.

14 FAM 551.3 Foreign Disaster Emergency Relief

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(Foreign Service)

- a. See 2 FAM and ADS 251, International Disaster Assistance and Series 200 Interim Update 01-06, USAID/BHR Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance's Guidance for Disaster Planning and Response – FY 2002.
- b. Requests for use of U.S. military transportation for foreign disaster relief operations must be approved by the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA). Under no circumstances will offices of State, USAID, DOD, or other U.S. Government agencies arrange for placement of cargo or persons aboard aircraft or ships authorized by DOD for use of (and funded by) disaster relief without prior concurrence of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance.

14 FAM 551.4 Defense Attaché

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(Foreign Service)

The defense attaché may approve space-available nonreimbursable travel of defense attaché-controlled aircraft for the chief of mission (ambassadors, ministers, or chargés d'affaires) and key members of their staffs designated by the chief of mission, to conduct official U.S. Government business. This applies only when the primary purpose of the flight is for official business for defense attaché. It does not apply if special mission flights are required or to normal PCSs of U.S. diplomatic personnel. Spouses of chiefs of mission and deputy chiefs of mission may accompany their sponsors on a space-available basis within the sphere of accreditation (including area of dual accreditation) only when the trip is for official business and, further provided, that the presence of the spouse is requested as being necessary for the accomplishment of official business.

14 FAM 551.5 Use of U.S. Government Aircraft

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(Foreign Service and Civil Service)

- a. Travel on a U.S. Government aircraft may be authorized when such use of the aircraft is authorized under provisions of 41 CFR 101.37.4 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-126.
- b. Guidelines and procedures for requesting the use of military passenger aircraft are based on White House Memorandum Number 9421708, dated September 16, 1994. Based on this memorandum the following procedures to request the use of military aircraft must be followed:
 - (1) For requests made on a nonreimbursable basis, complete a "Request for Military Aircraft" and prepare a "Brill-Itoh" memorandum. The memo should specify the foreign policy objective of the trip and make clear the reason why commercial travel (including charter aircraft) cannot be used. It should also include travel dates, types of aircraft requested, number of passengers, the name of the primary (principal) passenger, and proposed flight itinerary. Be sure to include the statement, "This request has been cleared by the Office of the Legal Adviser of the Department of State." The Brill-Itoh memorandum must be submitted by the assistant secretary of the bureau of the traveler or, in his or her absence, by the principal deputy of that bureau, and it must be cleared by L/LM, S/S-EX, and M before delivery to S/S. The memorandum must also be cleared by DS if it involves travel by someone other than the Secretary and security is being cited as the basis for the request;
 - (2) For requests made on a reimbursable basis, complete a "Request for Military Aircraft" and follow the procedures set out in 14 FAM 551.1. Requests made according to the provisions of 14 FAM 551.1 should be cleared by L/LM, S/S-EX, and M before delivery to A/LM/OPS/TTM; and
 - (3) The bureau must submit a "Department of State Travel Reporting Form" to the Executive Director of S/S-EX after milair (military aircraft) travel is completed.

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