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FM CDRMTMC ALEXANDRIA VA//MTPP//
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RUEAEUA/CDRMTMC OPERATIONS CENTER FT EUSTIS VA //G3//
RHMFIUU/CDRMTMC OPERATIONS CENTER FT EUSTIS VA //G3//
RUFGNOE/CDRMTMC-PPD VAHINGEN GE
RUEASCO/CDR599THTRANSOPTML WHEELER AAF HI
RHMFIUU/CDR599THTRANSOPTML WHEELER AAF HI
RULSAMX/COMNAV SUPSYSCOM MECHANICSBURG PA //53//
RULSJGA/COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC //G-WPM-2//
RUEADWD/DA WASHINGTON DC //DALO-TSP-PP//
RUEAHQA/HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC //ILGT//
RHMFIUU/HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC //ILGT//
RUEACMC/CMC WASHINGTON DC //LFT-4//
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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHIPMENT OF NONCONFORMING
PRIVATELY-OWNED VEHICLES (POVS)

1. REFERENCES:

- A. CONTRACT NUMBER DAMT 01-98-D2005, DTD 21 SEP 98.
- B. JOINT DETERMINATION #98025/CIVILIAN TRAVEL DETERMINATION #98016, SUBJECT: MAP ITEM 13-98/CAP ITEM 16-98, REMOVAL OF FOREIGN POV RESTRICTIONS FROM JFTR/JTR

C. [HTTP://WWW.CUSTOMS.USTREAS.GOV/TRAVEL/AUTO.HTM](http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/travel/auto.htm)

D. [HTTP://WWW.NHTSA.DOT.GOV/CARS/RULES/IMPORT/](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/rules/import/)

E. MTOP-T MESSAGE, DTG 261600 FEB 99, SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF NONCONFORMING PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES (POVS)

2. THIS MESSAGE SUPERCEDES REFERENCE E AND PROVIDES UPDATED GUIDANCE CONCERNING POV SHIPPING ENTITLEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHIPPING DOD-SPONSORED POVS THAT DO NOT MEET U.S. SAFETY AND EMISSIONS SPECIFICATIONS, HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS NONCONFORMING POVS.

3. REFERENCE 1B REVISED THE JFTR TO REMOVE THE TERM FOREIGN-MADE POV AND REMOVED RESTRICTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SHIPPING THESE VEHICLES. HOWEVER, POVS IMPORTED TO THE U.S. STILL SUBJECT TO SAFETY STANDARDS UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT OF 1966.

4. REVISED UNDER THE IMPORTED VEHICLE SAFETY COMPLIANCE ACT OF 1988; BUMPER STANDARDS UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION AND COST SAVINGS ACT OF 1972 (WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE IN 1978); AND TO AIR POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) UNDER THE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1968, AS AMENDED IN 1977 AND 1990.

5. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE DETAILING THE PROHIBITIONS AND MODIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NONCONFORMING VEHICLES BE PROVIDED TO THE SERVICE MEMBER DURING COUNSELING. THE COUNSELOR SHOULD ALSO ADVISE THE SERVICE MEMBER THAT THERE MAY BE SUBSTANTIAL EXCESS COSTS INVOLVED IN CONVERTING A NONFORMING POV TO MEET U.S. SPECIFICATIONS. ALSO, RECOMMEND THAT THE SERVICE MEMBER BE ADVISED TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION THOROUGHLY BEFORE A VEHICLE IS PURCHASED FOR IMPORTATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

6. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) AND THE EPA ADVISE THAT MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO BRING IT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS MAY BE SO EXTENSIVE AND COSTLY THAT IT MAY BE IMPRACTICAL AND IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE SUCH COMPLIANCE. THESE MODIFICATIONS ARE PERFORMED BY REGISTERED IMPORTERS (RI), AND INDEPENDENT COMMERCIAL IMPORTERS (ICI). THE AVERAGE COST TO BRING A VEHICLE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. SPECIFICATIONS IS \$5,000 TO \$6,000. FURTHER, UNLESS A VEHICLE OF THE SAME MODEL YEAR IS OFFERED FOR SALE IN THE U.S., TRANSPORTATION IS NOT RECOMMENDED. AS A GENERAL RULE, ALL POVS LESS THAN 25 YEARS OLD MUST COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS, AND ALL POVS LESS THAN 21 YEARS OLD MUST COMPLY WITH FEDERAL EMISSIONS STANDARDS. FULFILLMENT OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS DOES NOT RELIEVE THE SERVICE MEMBER FROM FULFILLING REQUIREMENTS OF A STATE OR DISTRICT. FOR INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTRATION OR

OPERATION OF A PROPERLY IMPORTED VEHICLE IN A SPECIFIC STATE, THE SERVICE MEMBER SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES OR OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCY.

7. SERVICE MEMBERS SHOULD BE SKEPTICAL OF CLAIMS BY A FOREIGN DEALER OR OTHER SELLER THAT A VEHICLE MEETS U.S. STANDARDS OR CAN READILY BE BROUGHT INTO COMPLIANCE. VEHICLES MANUFACTURED TO MEET THE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS AND EMISSION STANDARDS HAVE A CERTIFICATION LABEL AFFIXED BY THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER IN THE AREA OF THE DRIVER-SIDE-DOOR. VEHICLES LACKING A CERTIFICATION LABEL ARE NONCONFORMING AND MUST BE BROUGHT INTO COMPLIANCE.

8. INFORMATION FOR IMPORTING VEHICLES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE WEB SITES AT REFERENCES 1C AND 1D. INFORMATION CONCERNING VEHICLE EMISSIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EPA, 202-564-9660. INFORMATION CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DOT SAFETY HOTLINE, 800-424-9393 (IN U.S.) OR 202-366-0123.

9. SERVICE MEMBER CHOOSING TO SHIP A NONCONFORMING POV TO THE U.S. IN THE DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (DTS), MUST AS A CONDITION OF SHIPMENT, PROVIDE WRITTEN PROOF THAT HE /SHE HAS ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT WITH A RI/ICI, AND THAT THERE IS A COMPLIANCE AND CONVERSION AGREEMENT. THE SERVICE MEMBER MUST USE A RI/ICI THAT IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE FINAL DESTINATION VPC. THE SERVICE MEMBER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY EXCESS COSTS RESULTING FROM THE INLAND MOVEMENT THAT IS BEYOND THE AREA OF THE SERVICE MEMBER'S ENTITLEMENT, WHICH IS NORMALLY POV DELIVERY TO THE VPC NEAREST THE NEW DUTY STATION. THE SERVICE MEMBER SHOULD BE ADVISED TO OBTAIN A SIGNED COPY OF THE U.S. CUSTOMS ENTRY FORM, WHICH IS OFTEN REQUIRED BY STATE/DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AS PART OF PROOF OF CONVERSION.

A. ARMY:

B. NAVY:

C. AIR FORCE:

D. MARINES:

E. COAST GUARD:

10. THIS IS A COORDINATED USTRANSCOM, MTMC AND MILITARY SERVICES MESSAGE. FURTHER, INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE MTMC WEBSITE AT WWW.MTMC.ARMY.MIL/PROPERTY. POINT OF CONTACT IS MTPP-PA-P AT 703-428-3277/3278, DSN 328, FAX 3243, OR EMAIL PROPERTY@MTMC.ARMY.MIL.

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