

# PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIMS FACT SHEET

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## HOUSEHOLD GOODS CLAIMS

# Give notice of loss/damage within 180 days from delivery date

Provide your Transportation Service Provider (TSP) a written notice via:

- 1) "Notification of Loss or Damage AT Delivery" form completed with TSP on delivery day, and/or
- "Notification of Loss or Damage AFTER Delivery" form in the Defense Personal Property System (DPS)

# File a claim within 9 months from delivery date

File an itemized claim in DPS for every lost or damaged item. (For nontemporary storage (NTS) and direct procurement method (DPM) shipments, your claim may be emailed or mailed (contact your NTS or DPM contractor who handled your shipment to confirm where to send your claim).

· The TSP must confirm receipt of your claim within 15 days.

#### **Alternative Filing Option - Quick Claim Settlement:**

If offered on delivery day, you may file paperwork in-person with the TSP to promptly resolve minor loss or damage. Quick Claim amounts will not exceed \$1,500 total for shipments. Payment is made within 5 days of claim submission. You may still file other claims for loss or damage discovered after delivery, excluding the items filed under a "quick claim."

# Work with the TSP to assess your claim

The TSP may send someone to inspect your items to determine payment or repair amount. For lost items, a tracer action will be initiated. Every effort will be made by the TSP to locate your missing items prior to advising you to file a claim.

- The TSP has 30 days to make an offer or deny liability for claims under \$1,000 and 60 days on claims over \$1,000. You can make counteroffers and the TSP must respond to each reply within 7 days.
- If repairing an item, the TSP must hire a repair company within 20 days and have that company inspect the item within 45 days.
- Offers for claims entered in DPS or communicated via email will be honored. If there is a dispute between two differing offers, the offer that is most advantageous (i.e., higher dollar value) to the customer will be honored. TSPs will update DPS with the final dollar amount
- · For NTS and DPM shipments, the delivering TSP must notify you and the Military Claims Office (MCO) within 3 business days if denying liability. It's then recommended to transfer your claim to the MCO.
- If the TSP has stopped communication, DO NOT dispose of damaged items, obtain an estimate, or repair any items without first contacting the MCO for approval.

## Finalize the settlement or transfer to MCO

You may settle a claim by accepting in full or accepting and rejecting the offer for separate items. Individual items you reject can be transferred to your MCO for further review.

TSPs (to include NTS and DPM contractors) are required to:

- 1) Make payments within 30 days.
- Pick up salvage items within 20 days from inspection or within 30 days after being deemed "beyond repair."

**DO NOT FEEL PRESSURED** - only accept an offer if you are completely satisfied.

#### NOT FULLY SATISFIED?

Consider contacting the MCO if the TSP has denied your claim, you choose not to accept the TSP's offer, or you have not heard from the TSP in 30 days.

all transferred claims are handled by the DPS. After transferring your claim in DPS, do not dispose of any items. Note any further communication with the MCO will occur external to DPS.

# PRIVATELY OWNED

# VEHICLE(S) CLAIMS

#### Option 1: Onsite Settlement

- File a claim (valued at \$1,500 or less) at the Vehicle Processing Center (VPC) during pickup.
- Payment will be sent electronically to vour bank account.

#### **Option 2: International Auto** Logistics (IAL) Claim

- Obtain an estimate from a repair facility of your choice and submit to the IAL claims office.
- IAL will review, process, and settle your claim within 40 days from the date you filed a claim. However, you will have 10 business days to file a claim for loss and / or damage discovered after picking up your POV from the VPC.

For more information, contact the IAL Claims department toll free at (855) 389-9499 and select "claims" from the voice menu. Claims may be emailed to claims@ialpov.us.

#### **NOT FULLY SATISFIED?**

Transfer your claim to the MCO for assistance.



#### **RESIDENTIAL DAMAGE CLAIMS**

#### Step 1: Document any damage on the day it occurs

Conduct a pre and post walk-around with the TSP noting any damages (interior and exterior) in writing. Take pictures for your records.

#### Step 2: Submit a claim

Contact the TSP directly within 7 days from the last date they were at your residence. The TSP may require you to submit a real property damage claim form.

#### Step 3: Conduct an inspection

The TSP may schedule an inspection within 15 days of notification. The repair estimate will be shared with you to determine payment. However, the TSP may pay your claim up front without an inspection being completed.

#### NOT FULLY SATISFIED?

Contact your local transportation office or consult with an attorney for guidance. MCOs do NOT handle residential damage claims.

Contact via email below: usarmy.knox.hqda-otjag.mbx.cpcs@army.mil

Navy/Marine Corps: 888-897-8217 or 757-440-6315 norfolkclaims@us.navy.mil

### WHO TO CALL FOR HELP

#### **Local Transportation Office:**

https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/

**DPS Technical Help Desk:** 

800-462-2176

#### Military Claims Office (MCO): Air Force:

877-754-1212 or 937-656-8044 afcsc.ja@us.af.mil

**Coast Guard:** D05-SMB-HHG@uscg.mil