



COUNTRY INSTRUCTIONS

CUBA

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TO CUBA

- 1) Accompanied member/employee Household Goods (HHG) shipments to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (NSGB) request an APPROVED Dependent Entry Approval (DEA) from the Housing office on island.

- 2) HHG shipment is not authorized until DEA reflects member has been assigned permanent housing and is authorized shipment of HHG.

Weight Restrictions

- 1) Weight allowed to be shipped is determined by members orders.

Furniture, Oversized

- 1) It is highly recommended that members speak to their command sponsor prior to arranging HHG shipment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
- 2) Majority of housing units are small (950-1150 sq ft) with limited storage.
- 3) Reassignment to accommodate HHG will not be authorized.
- 4) **Waterbeds** are not authorized in two-story housing units.
 - a) The family housing office encourages all incoming residents to consult with them prior to arranging waterbed shipment.
 - b) Housing office phone is COMM: 757-458-4172/4174. INTERNATIONAL: 011-5399-4172 or 4174, DSN: 660-4172/4174. Email is usn.gtmo.navstagtmobaycu.mbx.n93-ngis@mail.mil.
- 5) Hot Tubs, SPAs and Jacuzzi: Not recommended due to climate.
- 6) Pianos and Organs: There are no third party tuning or repair services available. Highly recommend these items not be shipped to Guantanamo Bay.

Pets/Quarantine

- 1) Only dogs and cats and no more than two total pets can be transported to Guantanamo Bay, each way, unless a waiver is approved from AMC Passenger Reservations Center, Scott AFB, Illinois.
- 2) There is no quarantine required at Guantanamo Bay.
- 3) Ensure all vaccinations and immunizations are up to date prior to transporting the pet(s) to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Privately Owned Firearms (POFs)

- 1) Shipment of firearms is prohibited, to include toy related guns.
- 2) Any privately owned firearm found to be in a shipment of HHG will immediately be confiscated and will be shipped back to CONUS at owner's expense.
- 3) Adequate storage of a privately owned firearm is not available.

Privately Owned Vehicles (POVs)

- 1) IF authorized on orders, following documents are required for POV shipment:
 - a) Copy of Title or
 - b) Lien Letter and Registration Lien Letter must state authorized to ship to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba,

- i. It will be rejected, if it only states, authorized to ship to Cuba.
 - c) VI St. Croix and St. Thomas Copy of Title or Lien Letter and Registration Copy of Driver License Actions
- 2) POVs (Includes data on prohibited vehicles, color, etc.)
 - a) No year restriction for vehicles ship to NAVSTA Guantanamo Bay Cuba.
 - b) Only one POV authorized to be transported at GOV'T expense.
 - c) POVs being shipped to NSGB may be driven directly to the water port terminal, Schuyler Lines Portus, 8998 Blount Island, Jacksonville, FL, 32226.
- 3) The member should have travel orders, driver's license, auto insurance card, and ID card to present to terminal POV processors.
 - a) Call prior to arrival to confirm hours of availability, last minute instructions, and driving directions.
 - b) Contact information:
Schuyler: 904-751-1845 or fax: 904-751-1828
Government POC: 904-751-8886 or fax: 904-751-8887

Gasoline/Catalytic Converters

- 1) Only regular unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel are available.
- 2) Catalytic converters do not need to be removed.

Insurance and Safety Requirements

- 1) Insurance is available locally if member's insurance company does not provide overseas coverage.
- 2) Vehicles must pass safety inspection covering lights, signals, brakes and horn.

Transmitting Equipment

CBs/MARS equipment:

Must be registered with COMNAVBASE prior to use.

1) **GOVERNMENT QUARTERS**

- a) It takes about 36 days for Unaccompanied Baggage and 68 days for HHG to reach Cuba from the East Coast and 75 days for shipments from the West Coast.
- b) Government quarters (family housing, BOQ and barracks) are often too small to accommodate the authorized weight allowance.
- c) There is no storage available at NAVSTA Guantanamo Bay.
- d) Disposing of excess HHG is at member's expense.
- e) Assignment to larger quarters will not be authorized to accommodate excess HHG.
- f) Accompanied personnel are assigned to family housing:
 - I. Quarters are equipped with refrigerator, electric range, dishwasher, built-in microwave and washer/dryer.
 - II. Freezers are available upon request.
 - III. Government appliances will not be removed to accommodate personally owned items.
 - IV. **Personally owned appliances should not be shipped.**
 - V. Loaner furnishings are available while awaiting the arrival of HHG shipment.
- g) Unaccompanied personnel are assigned to the following:
 - I. Grades O1-O6, W1-W4, E7-E9, and GS7-GS15 to Bachelor Officers Quarters (BOQ) building 2147;
 - a. BOQ units are small efficiency style apartments which are completely furnished with a small kitchen.
 - b. Furnishings and appliances cannot be removed.
 - c. TVs, DVD players and microwaves are included and will not be removed to accommodate personally owned items.
 - d. **Recommend members ship less than 1,000 pounds of unaccompanied baggage.**
 - II. E4-E6 to the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) building 1670;
 - a. BEQ barracks 1670 are small rooms.
 - b. Equipped with a small kitchen area.
 - c. Personnel should not ship any HHG due to the small living space.
 - d. Recommend UB shipment of less than 500 pounds.
 - III. E1-E3 to (BEQ) Marine Hill Barracks 1678.
 - a. BEQ barracks 1678 are small rooms
 - b. May be assigned two to a room.
 - c. The majority of rooms do not have kitchens.
 - d. Personnel should not ship any HHG due to the small living space.
 - e. Recommend UB shipment of less than 500 pounds.