



COUNTRY INSTRUCTIONS

DIEGO GARCIA

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Weight Restrictions

Unaccompanied baggage weight limited to 500 lbs for enlisted personnel and 1000 lbs for officer.

Unaccompanied members have small living quarters, therefore, should limit the amount of personal property shipped. Living quarters are equipped with government-owned furnishings. These furnishings consist of refrigerator, television, microwave, range in some quarters, air conditioner, tables, chairs, chest of drawers, beds and washers and dryers for use during tour of duty in Diego Garcia.

Unaccompanied baggage shipments to Diego Garcia may include only items such as clothing, linens, dishes, cooking utensils, light housekeeping items and other small articles essential to the health of the member, bicycle and professional books, papers and equipment needed in the performance of official duties.

Customs Clearance Procedures, Requirements, and Restrictions

It is a requirement that all personnel, O-5 and below, have their personal property shipments cleared through British Customs prior to delivery.

Member will be asked to sign British Indian Ocean Territory (B.I.O.T.) Customs declaration form.

Items such as weapons, including knives, full or empty shell and cartridge casings, ALL drugs and controlled substances, pornographic or obscene materials including videos and magazines, any foodstuffs that are not commercially marked or processed, all medicines, including prescribed and non-prescribed drugs and all fishing and crab nets must be cleared.

All drugs, drug-related item or items that promote the taking of controlled or illegal substance, any equipment used for, or to enable the weighing, processing that have not been declared are liable for confiscation and destruction.

Any person willfully trying to conceal any items is liable for prosecution under the B.I.O.T. law.

Member must bring receipts or proof of purchase or a legible copy of inventory for registration of bicycles with B.I.O.T. Police Office.

It is also a requirement cyclists must wear cycling helmets.

Electric Scooters/Bicycles that exceed **450 watts** or **0.45 kilowatts** will be confiscated. **Must have front and rear lights and helmets must be worn.**

Alcoholic Beverages

Liquor/alcoholic beverages are permitted provided they are hand-carried.

Cigarettes/Tobacco Products

Tobacco products are permitted provided they are hand-carried.

Food Stuff and Meats

Foodstuffs and meat products in sealed commercially packed containers are admissible.

Fresh foodstuffs or anything perishable are not permitted.

Medication (Narcotics)/Pharmaceutical Products

All medicines are to be declared, including prescribed and non-prescribed drugs. This includes any vitamins.

Electrical Equipment

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (DRONES) Due to the classified and restricted nature of the installations on the Island and the resources required to monitor them, ALL UAVs/drones are PROHIBITED from Diego Garcia.

Portable TVs and VCRs; no restrictions.

Furniture, Oversized

Household good items, including furniture items are prohibited.

Oversized furniture and non-essential items should be placed in non-temporary storage at origin until duration of member's tour in Diego Garcia.

Pets/Quarantine:

No pets allowed in Diego Garcia.

Privately Owned Firearms (POFs)

Importation is prohibited.

All weapons (to include knives, spear, guns, etc), or anything that could be used as a weapon are prohibited on Diego Garcia.

Full or empty shell and cartridge casings are prohibited.

Hand Guns/Rifles/Shot Guns/Other (i.e., Ammo, Explosives, etc.): Importation is prohibited.

Privately Owned Vehicles (POVs)

Bicycles, Electric Scooters and E-Bicycles are authorized. Bicyclists are required to wear cycling helmets. Front and rear lights are required.

Shipment of POV is NOT authorized.
Adequate Navy owned transportation is available.

Motorcycles and motorized go-carts are not authorized.

Sexually Explicit/Pornographic Material

All pornographic or obscene materials on any mediums, video tapes, CD-ROM, magazines, laser disks, etc., are prohibited.

Stuff Wild Life/Animals and Plant Restrictions:

Prohibited.

Transmitting Equipment

CBs/Amateur/Ham Radios/MARS Equipment/Dish Antennas: Importation is prohibited.

Separatees/Retirees Entitlements/Limitations:

Separating and retiring to Diego Garcia is not authorized.