



# Country Instructions

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## **Unaccompanied Baggage**

- As of 30 June the Direct Procurement Method (DPM) Contract for Guam is no longer available.
- TSP Government Bill of Lading Household Goods Consigned to member or member's agent at destination address or unit of assignment.
- Recommend use of Code J and Code 4. Annotate PPGBL: "Carrier will notify ITO, NAVSUP FLCY SITE Guam, at (671)333-2045, prior to delivery to residence or placing in SIT."

## **Alcoholic Beverages**

- Military members, dependents over 21, and DOD civilians can import one gallon of alcohol to Guam via household goods.
- More than one gallon requires a license.
- No exceptions for private collections.
- Violators face misdemeanor charges and up to \$10,000 fine. (TCJ9-OH, MO-8/17/20).
- Exceptions: religious organizations for sacramental wine, foreign Consuls for private use, and individuals can bring one gallon every 60 days for personal use.

Exceptions to the prohibition include:

- Religious organizations can import sacramental wine without a license;
- Consular officials can import alcohol for personal use;
- Individuals can bring up to one gallon of alcohol for private use every sixty days without a license.

### **There are three limited exceptions to this prohibition:**

- A religious organization may import or receive into Guam sacramental wine for use in the religious rites of such religious organization without license;
- A Consul General, Consul or Vice Consul of a foreign country may import or receive into Guam for private use and consumption;
- A person arriving in Guam may bring with them not more than once every sixty (60) days for private use and not for sale, alcoholic beverages not exceeding one (1) gallon in quantity without a license.

## **Cigarettes/Tobacco Products**

- Shipments of cigarettes/tobacco products between CONUS and overseas or within overseas countries may be shipped subject to host country requirements/restrictions identified.
- When undefined or in doubt, the TMO will request clarification by message from the responsible transportation authority at destination.
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- **Food Stuff and Meats**-Restrictions: Dried food, spices, perishables, meats and liquids.
- These items may be subject to specific regulations or limitations due to their nature and potential impact on health and safety during transportation or storage.

## **Cosmetics-Medication (Narcotics)/Pharmaceutical Products**

- No restrictions identified.
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- **Electrical Equipment**

- UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (DRONES): As of 29-Aug-2016, if a drone weighs less than 55 pounds, flies lower than 400 feet, and is for recreational or personal use, then there are no registration processes required.
- If the drone weighs more than 55 pounds, a customer wants to fly the drone more than 400 feet, or the drone is for commercial or business use, the drone MUST be registered with the FAA on Guam. (CH 29-Aug-2016 SDDC-PAC RB)

### **Home Computers- TVs/VCRs- Other (i.e. Compatibility, ETC)**

- No restrictions identified.

### **Furniture, Oversized**

- Huge and/or large furniture items and other nonessential items should be placed in non-temporary storage for the duration of overseas Guam tour.
- Most condos/ apartments cannot accommodate large furniture items. Items may not fit through doorways, staircases, elevators or windows.
- Customers may incur excess cost to dispose of or relocate excess or oversized furniture.

**NOTE: See more information below:**

- Naval Base Guam Housing Office: <https://ffr.cnic.navy.mil/Navy-Housing/Housing-By-Region/JointRegion-Marianas/NAVBASE-Guam/> or e-mail: [GUAM\\_Housing@us.navy.mil](mailto:GUAM_Housing@us.navy.mil)
- Andersen AFB Housing Office: <https://www.andersen.af.mil/About-Us/Newcomers/Andersen-ABFHousing/> or e-mail: [36ces.ceh.housingoffice@us.af.mil](mailto:36ces.ceh.housingoffice@us.af.mil)

### **Pets/Quarantine**

- Guam is a tropical island with high temperatures and humidity year-round.
- The Guam Department of Agriculture advises against importing pets that are very old, very young (under 9 weeks if from exempt areas), chronically ill, debilitated, or struggle in hot climates.
- Bringing pets to Guam during a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) can be challenging and costly.
- All live animals require an entry permit, and kennel reservations at an approved commercial quarantine facility must be secured beforehand.
- Entry permits can be obtained by contacting the Department of Public Health and Social Services, while kennel reservations can be made with Harper Veterinary Kennels.
- Health certificates, rabies vaccination certificates, and immunization certificates are mandatory for pets entering Guam.
- A certificate of immunization against Canine Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, Adenovirus-2 and Corona Virus are required for dogs.
- A certificate of immunization against Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Feline Leukemia, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia are required for cats.
- Dogs and cats will undergo a 120-day quarantine upon arrival, with limited facilities and high costs. Andersen AFB and Naval Base Guam offer veterinarian services by appointment. For more information: <https://www.csp.navy.mil/Go-Guam/PCSInformation/Pets/>

## Privately Owned Firearms (POF)

- Recommend avoiding shipping firearms to Guam. Effective immediately, the Government of Guam has imposed the following requirements on the importation of firearms:

**Members MUST have and possess proof of ownership such as a previous firearms registration.**

- If proof of ownership is not available, an affidavit of ownership with notary seal is acceptable.
- Members would also need to provide one form of identification (ID) (birth certificate or passport). There is no limit on the number of firearms allowed to ship.

**Members MUST obtain a Guam Firearms ID at the Guam Police Department immediately:**

- Pay corresponding fees and register each firearm with the Guam Police Department within 30 days of receipt of firearms. Members will be charged the following:
- Guam Police Department CP: (671) 475-8500/
- For more information go to FAQs – Records & ID Section <https://gpd.guam.gov/faqs/>
- FBI record check - \$47.00 (paid by cashiers check or money order.
- Firearms ID Application - \$47.00 (fingerprinting) and \$25.00 (ID pickup)
- Firearm inspection fee - \$5.00 for each firearm
- Firearm registration permits fee - \$40.00 each
- The initial cost to import one firearm is \$127.00. Each additional firearm is \$45.00.
- Members MUST complete the firearm application and registration process within 30 days of receipt of their firearms.
- Severe penalties will imposed to members who do not register their firearms with the Government of Guam.
- Penalties include jail time and a \$10,000 fine imposed by Guam's Attorney General Office for noncompliance. (CH SDDC-Pac, 13 Jan 2014, MO)

## Shipping POFs to the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)

**The populated Islands of CNMI are Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Agrihan, and Alamagan.**

**The only legal weapons authorized into the CNMI are:**

- .22 rifle
- .223 rifle
- 410 shotgun
- The importation of any pistols, or other weapons not listed above is prohibited.
- Only local law enforcement personnel are authorized and legally possess pistols.
- Personnel are advise NOT to ship pistols of any size into the CNMI.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Firearms are stored separately in a Government authorized Container Freight Station (CFS), to be cleared by Guam Customs.

- Accordingly, the firearm(s) will have to be extracted from the inbound shipment and stored separately. This could delay the receipt of your shipment if not timely cleared.

## Privately Owned Vehicles (POVs)

- Effective May 21, 2007 the Government of Guam's Department of Motor Vehicle has initiated a vehicle registration fee of \$5.00 per vehicle to all Department of Defense members and civilian employees. **EFFECTIVE 01-DEC-2015--**
- Imported unregistered POVs (i.e.-NEW unregistered POVs) MUST have a VEHICLE SPECIAL PERMIT from the Guam Police Department before a POV can be driven or transported from the POV Port of Entry, per Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 7, Sections 7103 (a) and (c). The cost for the VEHICLE SPECIAL PERMIT is \$50 as of 01-Dec-2015.
- The application for the VEHICLE SPECIAL PERMIT is available at the Guam Police Department's Records and Identification Section office located at 590 South Marine Corps Drive, Suite 120, First Floor, ITC Building, Tamuning, Guam or at the <http://gpd.guam.gov/> website.

### **POVs (Includes data on prohibited vehicles, color, etc.**

- No restrictions. However, Government of Guam applies a four (4) percent use tax on vehicles purchased and imported by members when vehicle is owned less than 90 days.
- Recommend shipment of a small or medium, well-maintained, rust-free car. Repairs can be made locally but parts are often hard to locate and labor is expensive.
- Used cars are available for sale, but often have extensive rust damage and sell far above comparative US prices.
- Transit time ranges between 4-6 weeks from the West Coast and up to 3 months from the East Coast. Rental vehicles are available both on and off-base.

### **Motorcycles/Mopeds**

- Effective May 21, 2007 the Government of Guam's Department of Motor Vehicle has initiated a vehicle registration fee of \$5.00 per motorcycle to all Department of Defense members and civilian employees.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Motorcycles are stored separately in a Government-authorized Container Freight Station (CFS), to be cleared by Guam Customs.
- Accordingly, the motorcycle(s) will have to be extracted from the inbound shipment. This could delay the receipt of your shipment if not timely Customs-cleared.

### **Gasoline/Catalytic Converters**

- Premium and unleaded gasoline are available island-wide.
- Insurance and Safety Requirements
- POV safety and emission standards on Guam are the same as CONUS.
- Guam requires all POVs to pass a safety inspection checking integrity of exhaust system, body, braking power, wheel alignment, lights, horn, and windshield wipers prior to issue of either Guam license or soldiers/sailors relief registration decals.

## **No restrictions identified to include:**

### Sexually Explicit/Pornographic Material

- Stuff Wild Life/Animals and Plant Restrictions
- Transmitting Equipment
- CBs
- Amateur/Ham Radios
- MARS Equipment
- Dish Antennas
- Cordless Phones

### **Separatees/Retirees Entitlements/Limitations**

- For all shipments, to include Air Force retirees, destined to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (i.e., Saipan, Rota, Tinian) or the Federated States of Micronesia (i.e., Ponape, Chuuk, Yap, Belau, Kosrae), a OTO Code 4/Code 8 request must be requested to final destination. DO NOT USE DPM. REPEAT DO NOT consign these shipments to Guam for onward movement to the ultimate destination.
- Personnel contemplating retirement, separation, or relocating dependents to Guam, Commonwealth, Northern Marianas Island, and the Federation States of Micronesia should be counseled that all customs entry requirements to include payment of duties and taxes remain the responsibility of the member and is a personal matter between the member and the Territory Government.
- **Other**
- **HOUSING:** Waiting time for Government quarters is 2 to 5 months, depending on rank, rate, and number of bedrooms required.
- Adequate TLA accommodations are available off-base. A limited number have kitchen facilities.
- Linens are provided. Baby cribs are normally not provided; however, a few are available. Local command's hospitality kits have a limited number of utensils.
- Local power is standard US 110 volt 60 cycle. No modifications required for US type appliances.
- Color TV is available with programs taped in the US and shown 1 week later.
- More specific information should be requested from command sponsors.
- **BOATS:** Import standards are the same as for CONUS.
- US Coast Guard inspects boats for sea worthiness.
- Boats from CONUS should have a manufacturer's certification decal as it eliminates the inspection requirement.
- Guam customs may collect a 4 percent use tax at time of importation.
- All boats must be promptly preregistered with the harbor unit of the Guam Police Department.
- Boat owners have 60 days to ensure they meet Guam boating requirements before registration with the harbor unit is completed.
- The documents required for registration must be originals or notarized copies proving ownership.
- Boat trailers are registered with vehicle registration. A safety inspection is required. A manufacturer's statement of origin or a certification of title is required for a trailer license.
- A Soldier's/ sailor's relief registration decal is acceptable for the trailer.

- Repair parts for the major American brands are usually available but at a higher price than most CONUS areas.
- Labor rates are generally higher than in CONUS. Docking, mooring, and storage space is extremely limited.
- There is a long waiting list for space at the Naval Base Guam Sumay Cove Marina. Commercial space is available but is very limited and expensive.