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SUBJECT: Shipping Hazardous Material Purchased with an International Merchant Purchase  
Authorization Card (IMPAC) via Military Air

The Air Mobility Command (AMC) aerial ports often receive hazardous material shipments purchased overseas via the IMPAC system that arrive packaged for transport by surface, and are not prepared for transport via the air mode. These shipments also arrive without proper documentation or air clearance. The AMC aerial ports will not repackage material to make the shipments "air eligible".

Due to the continuing problem of ineligible air shipments entering the aerial ports, AMC instituted guidelines concerning these hazardous material shipments:

- a. The only IMPAC shipments accepted for air movement are those that are documented/packed IAW AFJMAN 24-204, the DTR and MILSTAMP.
- b. Owners of IMPAC shipments not in accordance with the guidelines will have 10 days to provide follow-up action, which must take place within 30 days of the original notification.
- c. If AMC does not hear from the requisitioner or the material is not removed from the aerial port, the material could be sent to a DRMO for disposal or recycling.

The HQ AMC message DTG 101246Z JUL 00 (attachment) provides further guidance for shippers of the discrepant IMPAC shipments.

Additionally, please ensure all contracts for which you are responsible contain provisions for the contractor to prepare shipments destined for the AMC aerial ports and OCONUS destinations, in accordance with AFJMAN 24-204 and International Air Transportation Association (IATA) requirements.

Request you appoint a representative from your center to assist with these requirements by August 9, 2000. Please refer questions to Mrs. Betty Slanta, email: [betty\\_yanowsky@hq.dla.mil](mailto:betty_yanowsky@hq.dla.mil), commercial, (703) 767-3638, or DSN 427-3638.

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SUBJ: SHIPPING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (HAZMAT) PURCHASED WITH AN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANT PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION CARD (IMPAC) BY MILITARY AIR

1. AMC AERIAL PORTS/TERMINALS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE HAZMAT PURCHASED BY OVERSEAS UNITS DIRECTLY FROM U.S. COMPANIES BY USE OF THE IMPAC SYSTEM. CUSTOMERS ARE HAVING VENDORS DELIVER THE ORDERS TO CONUS AERIAL PORTS. BECAUSE MANY IMPAC SHIPMENTS ARE NOT BEING HANDLED BY A TMO/ITO, THEY OFTEN ARRIVE WITHOUT AIRLIFT CLEARANCE AUTHORITY APPROVAL, NO MILSTAMP DOCUMENTATION, AND ARE NOT CERTIFIED OR PACKAGED FOR AIR SHIPMENT. RECENTLY, A LARGE SHIPMENT OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS PURCHASED BY AN OVERSEAS UNIT'S CREDIT CARD ARRIVED AT AN AERIAL PORT AS A "NO HIT" AND WITHOUT A SHIPPER'S DECLARATION FOR DANGEROUS GOODS. THE ITEMS WERE ALSO NOT PACKAGED OR MARKED/LABELED IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE FOR AIRLIFT. WHEN CONTACTED, THE VENDOR INDICATED THE ITEMS WERE PREPARED TO ONLY MEET SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS AND THEIR COMPANY DID NOT HAVE PERSONNEL QUALIFIED TO PACKAGE OR CERTIFY HAZMAT AIR SHIPMENTS.

2. BECAUSE OF CONTINUING INCIDENTS SUCH AS THE ONE DESCRIBED ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING POLICY CONCERNING ALL HAZMAT PURCHASED BY IMPAC ARRIVING AT AMC PORTS/TERMINALS REGARDLESS OF SERVICE IS IMPLEMENTED:

A. IMPAC SHIPMENTS PROPERLY PREPARED, PACKAGED, AND DOCUMENTED IAW AFJMAN 24-204, DOD 4500.9R (DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION REGULATION), AND DOD 4500.32R (MILSTAMP) WILL BE ACCEPTED AND PROCESSED FOR AIR SHIPMENT.

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B. CUSTOMERS PURCHASING DIRECTLY FROM VENDORS WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SHIPMENT IS RECEIVED THAT IS NOT CORRECTLY PREPARED, PACKAGED, OR DOCUMENTED. IF THE ITEM IS PURCHASED FROM ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY (I.E., GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION), THE SHIPPER WILL ALSO BE NOTIFIED.

C. THE PURCHASING AGENCY/CONSIGNEE (OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY OFFERING SHIPMENT) WILL HAVE 10 DAYS TO REPLY AND IDENTIFY ACTIONS THEY WILL TAKE TO HAVE THESE ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE AERIAL PORT/TERMINAL OR CORRECTIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

D. REMOVAL OR CORRECTIVE ACTION MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM ORIGINAL NOTIFICATION DATE.

E. IF NO REPLY IS RECEIVED WITHIN 10 DAYS OR MATERIAL IS NOT REMOVED OR CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN WITHIN 30 DAYS OF NOTIFICATION, THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PURCHASED BY IMPAC WILL BE TURNED INTO AN APPROPRIATE AGENCY (I.E., DRMO) FOR RECYCLING/DISPOSAL.

F. IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AERIAL PORT TO CORRECT SHIPMENTS. PORTS AND TERMINALS SHOULD ASSIST WHENEVER POSSIBLE, BUT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THEY REPACKAGE MATERIAL TO MAKE SHIPMENTS "AIR ELIGIBLE."

3. FOR AMC AERIAL PORTS: PLEASE ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO NOTIFY AND TRACK DOD AGENCIES USING AN IMPAC TO PURCHASE HAZMAT FOR MOVEMENT BY MILITARY AIR. ALSO, CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY CERTIFICATION, PACKAGING, AND MARKING/LABELING DISCREPANCIES BY USE OF "PACKPROBE." IDENTIFY IN REMARKS SECTION OF THE "PACKPROBE" REPORT, THE DATE THE SHIPMENT CONSIGNEE WAS CONTACTED. YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO WORK WITH YOUR BASE CE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE OFFICE AND SERVICING DRMO TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR MATERIAL TURN-IN.

4. FOR SERVICE/COMMAND HAZMAT FOCAL POINTS: PLEASE MAKE WIDEST DISSEMINATION TO ENSURE THAT DRASTIC ACTION SUCH AS DISPOSING OF NEW MATERIAL IS NOT NECESSARY. WE UNDERSTAND THIS POLICY MAY HAVE DIRECT MONETARY IMPACT ON SOME UNITS (I.E., REQUIRING THE USE OF COMMERCIAL AIR CARRIERS, REDUCED AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIERS AUTHORIZED/CAPABLE OF PREPARING AIR SHIPMENTS, AND ADDITIONAL PACKAGING/CERTIFICATION COSTS FOR AIR MOVEMENT). HOWEVER, OUR AERIAL PORTS/TERMINALS DO NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO COMPLETELY REPACKAGE OR STORE THESE SHIPMENTS FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME.

5. SHIPPERS MUST ALSO ENSURE ANY HAZMAT PROCURED LOCALLY FOR DEPLOYMENTS ARE PACKAGED CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF AFJMAN 24-204. COMMERCIALY PROCURED ITEMS ARE OFTEN PACKAGED ONLY TO MEET SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS. EVEN IF PACKAGING IS APPROVED BY ICAO/IATA REGULATIONS, IT MAY NOT MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY AIRLIFT (I.E., ABSORBENT MATERIAL, PACKAGE LINERS, ETC.).

6. POC IS MR. DEL HAMILTON, HQ AMC/DONCO, DSN 779-2543. THIS IS A COORDINATED HQ AMC/DON/JAV/LGS/LGC AND AFMC-LSO/LOP MESSAGE.