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POLICY MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Household Goods Weight Allowance for Posts in Japan

Reference: Joint Travel Regulations, Volume 2, "Department of Defense Civilian Personnel," current edition

It is the policy of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) that DoDEA employees assigned to or from a post in Japan, including Okinawa, are authorized the full Joint Travel Regulations, Volume 2, weight allowance for a shipment of household goods (HHG) to and from Japan.

Employees should consult with the military transportation management office to determine availability of furnishings and appliances prior to a permanent change of station move to a post in Japan. This policy memorandum does not indicate that the employee must ship the full weight allowance to Japan. Storage facilities in Japan are limited and employees are advised that most Japanese housing is smaller than American or European housing and cannot accommodate large furnishings. If an employee ships household goods or oversized items that cannot be accommodated in his or her Japanese house or quarters, the employee will have to either ship the items back to the United States at his or her own expense, dispose of the HHG, or personally pay high fees for commercial storage in Japan at his or her expense.

This decision has been coordinated with Department of Defense Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.

This policy memorandum is effective immediately.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shirley A. Miles".

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Director