

SDDC-PP ADVISORY 14-0037

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FROM: SDDC-PP SCOTT AFB, IL

TO: Military Service Headquarters Representatives, Worldwide Personal Property Shipping Offices (PPSOs), and DoD-Approved Personal Property Transportation Service Providers (TSPs)

Subject: Change to Professional Books, Papers, and Equipment (PBP&E)

1. Changes to PBP&E or "pro-gear" entitlements will take effect in Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR) Change 327 and Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) Change 581, dated March 1, 2014. The change applies to orders issued on or after May 1, 2014.
2. PBP&E/pro-gear will be limited to a maximum net weight of 2,000 pounds with no authority to waive the limitation. Those who have transported more than 2,000 pounds overseas prior to the change will be grandfathered and allowed to return the same amount to CONUS. Please see JFTR U5310-C Note for further information.
3. Civilian employees PBP&E are considered household goods and part of the PCS weight allowance. PBP&E may be moved under JTR paragraphs C5154-C2 and C3, but the maximum net weight allowed is 2,000 pounds. Please see C5154-C for further information.
4. PBP&E has been redefined. "PBP&E includes HHG in a member's/employee's possession needed for the performance of official duties at the next or a later PDS." Specific exclusions (ref: JFTR/JTR, APP A1) follow:
 - A. Commercial products for sale/resale used in conducting business;
 - B. Sports equipment;
 - C. Office furniture;
 - D. Household furniture;
 - E. Shop fixtures;
 - F. Furniture of any kind even though used ICW the PBP&E (e.g., bookcases, study/computer desks, file cabinets, and racks);
 - G. Personal computer equipment and peripheral devices;
 - H. Memorabilia including awards, plaques or other objects presented for past performance;
 - I. Table service including flatware (including serving pieces), dishes (including serving pieces, salvers and their heating units), other utensils, and glassware; and
 - J. Other items of a professional nature that will not be necessary at the next/subsequent PDS, such as text books from previous schools unrelated to future duties, personal books, even if used as part of a past professional reading program or course of instruction and reference material that ordinarily would be available at the next/subsequent PDS either in hard copy or available on the Internet.

5. When PBP&E weight is unobtainable by methods in U5335-B, U5335-C, or U5335-D, the weight is now 7 lbs. per cubic foot (ref: JFTR U5335-E).

6. Systems Change Request 7048 (PBP&E) will add limitations to the pro-gear weight in DPS. When this functionality is scheduled for release, SDDC will notify all stakeholders.

7. PPSOs are asked to communicate these changes accordingly, and ensure military and civilian customers understand the weight limits, items that comprise PBP&E or pro-gear, and those items that no longer qualify as PBP&E. TSPs are asked to ensure pro-gear is weighed separately and recorded on the household goods inventory in accordance with the Defense Transportation Regulation (DTR) 4500.9-R Part IV, Defense Personal Property Program Domestic 400NG Tariff, and International Tender.

8. For questions regarding this message, send an email to:
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9. As always, please report technical issues to the SDDC Systems Response Center (SRC):

a. Email: sddc.safb.dpshd@us.army.mil

b. Telephone: Toll free (800) 462-2176; Commercial (618) 220-7332

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10. This message was approved for release by Ms. Jill Smith, Chief, Business Processes and Systems Integration Division, HQ SDDC.