

SDDC-PP Advisory 15-0045

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

SUBJECT: Blackout Capabilities and Shipment Refusals In The Defense Personal Property Program (DP3)

1. As part of our Peak Season plan SDDC encourages TSPs to fully utilize granular blackout capabilities in DPS. We recognize blackout capability is a critical part of a TSPs operational ability and prevents them from receiving shipments where they do not have capacity.

2. In accordance with the DTR, Part IV, Chapter 402 this message advises TSPs that shipment refusal procedures for peak season 2015 will not be modified to allow for Unlimited Refusals. TSPs will be required to manage blackouts and additional details summarizing DTR procedures will be provided to all stakeholders in our Peak Season Message next week.

3. As of 2011 Defense Personal Property System (DPS) has increased the granularity of the blackout function to include 21 ways to blackout as listed below. Key to helping manage shipment award predictability is for TSPs to use more granular blackouts than the original\* 4 blackout types whenever possible.

\*Channel

\*GBLOC

\*Market

\*COS

Zip3

Channel and Zip3

Channel, COS, and Zip3

COS and Channel

COS and Zip3

COS, GBLOC, and Zip3

GBLOC and Channel

GBLOC and COS

GBLOC and Market

GBLOC and Zip3

GBLOC, Channel, and COS

GBLOC, Channel, and Zip3

Market and Channel

Market and Zip3

Market, Channel, and Zip3

Market, GBLOC, and Channel

Market, GBLOC, and Zip3

4. DPS allows real-time updates of blackout dates to prevent shipment assignment conflicts. If a TSP misses a shipment offer because the date is blacked out, the TSP is assigned an “administrative shipment” and is not offered another shipment until the next scheduled offer within that Quality Band. See DTR, Ch. 402, C 3 c & d - Shipment Award.

5. Current data shows that the opportunity to input granular blackouts may be underutilized. For shipment awards after 27 March 2015, blackouts are at the following levels for the domestic market.

\*\*Blackouts by Channel: 532 SCACs (median time of 287 days),

\*\*Blackouts by Market/Channel: 247 SCACs (median time of 133 days)

Blackouts by Market/Zip: 189 SCACs (median time of 364 days)

Blackouts by Cos/Channel: 151 SCACs (median time of 177 days).

\*\* Some blackout types are in duplicate with no noticeable benefit such as Market/Channel (if entered for dHHG) and Channel (for dHHG channels). TSPs should avoid entries such as the type listed above where possible and encouraged to use three way blackouts where appropriate.

6. This message is approved for release by Mr. Daniel Martinez, Chief, Quality Assurance Division, HQ SDDC.