

SDDC-PP Advisory 16-0021

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To: Military Service Headquarters Representatives and Worldwide Personal Property Shipping Offices (PPSOs) and DoD-Approved Personal Property Transportation Service Providers (TSPS)

Subject: Code of Service (COS) Changes for Household Goods (HHG) Shipments to and from Lajes Field, Azores

1. This advisory provides guidance on changes to the COS for HHG shipments moving to and from the Azores. This is driven by changes required by the 2014 National Defense Authorization Act, and cancellation of government arranged ocean liner service which has significantly limited surface cargo capability to the Azores and a change in the tour length from 24 months to 12 months.
2. **Effective immediately**, PPSOs are advised to cease routing/booking shipments utilizing COS 4 to/from the Azores and begin booking/routing utilizing COS J, T or One-Time Only (OTO). All COS 4 shipments currently booked or in transit will continue movement as booked. Any shipments not currently booked or picked up will be moved as COS J, T or OTO shipment.
3. When booking, the TSP should be made aware that the **maximum container dimensions to support movement are 87”L X 48”W X 78”H (1 crate per 463L pallet) or 87”L X 52”W X 56”H (2 crates per 463L pallet)**.
4. Counselor’s should review the updated Country Instructions in the PPCIG and advise members of weight limitations and the extent of housing furnishings provided at Lajes. “Government furnished quarters are available for all personnel (military and DoD civilian employees) assigned to Lajes Field. The furnishings consist of a refrigerator, oven/stove, range, washer, dryer, microwave, air conditioner, freezer, dining set, office furniture, entertainment center, end tables, queen size bed, chest and wardrobe, for use during the tour of duty. Recommend these items not be shipped to Lajes, but are placed in non-temporary storage (NTS) at origin for the length of the overseas tour.”
5. Questions concerning furnishings may be directed to the furnishings office. From CONUS: DSN: 314-535-3428, direct from Europe: DSN: 245-3428.
6. This message was coordinated between HQ SDDC-PP, PPA (USAF) and JPPSO-NE (AGFM). This message is approved for release by Chief, Business Process Division, HQ SDDC.