

Consumable Goods Allowances

A. Consumable Goods Allowances Eligibility

1. Service Member

A Service member assigned to a PDS in a location listed in the table below is authorized to ship up to 1,250 pounds of suitable consumable goods for each tour-year. For example, for a 12-month tour a Service member is authorized 1,250 pounds and for an 18-month tour a Service member is authorized 1,875 pounds. A Service member authorized a consumable goods allowance is allowed two consumable goods shipments a year, but he or she may not exceed the maximum allowance of 1,250 pounds for each tour-year.

2. Civilian Employee

A civilian employee assigned to a PDS in a location listed below is authorized to ship up to 1,250 pounds of suitable consumable goods for each tour-year. For example, for a 12-month tour a civilian employee is authorized 1,250 pounds and for an 18-month tour a civilian employee is authorized 1,875 pounds. A civilian employee authorized a consumable goods allowance is allowed two consumable goods shipments a year, but he or she may not exceed the maximum allowance of 1,250 pounds for each tour-year.

a. This allowance is in addition to the 4,500-pound weight allowance authorized in JTR, Table 5-86, "Allowed Transportation of HHG and PBP&E".

b. In no event may the total weight of the household goods (HHG) transported or stored at Government expense exceed 18,000 pounds.

c. The 18,000-pound weight limitation includes the weight of the HHG transported at Government expense, the weight of the HHG stored, and consumable goods shipments.

3. Increased Weight Allowance

Requests for increased weight allowances for consumable goods shipments must be justified in writing and sent through the appropriate organizational channels to the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) for action. In no event may the maximum weight allowance for consumable goods shipment exceed 2,000 pounds in a tour-year.

4. Authorized Consumable Goods Allowance Locations

Authorized Consumable Goods Allowance Locations

| Location | Effective Date |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Afghanistan, Kabul | |
| Albania, Tirana | |
| Algeria, Algiers | |
| Angola, Luanda | |
| Armenia, Yerevan | |
| Azerbaijan, Baku | |

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| Location | Effective Date |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Bangladesh, Dhaka | |
| Belarus, Minsk | |
| Benin, Cotonou | |
| Bolivia, La Paz | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina, Federation of | |
| Botswana | |
| Bulgaria, Sofia | |
| Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou | |
| Burma, Rangoon | |
| Burundi, Bujumbura | |
| Cambodia, Phnom Penh | |
| Cameroon | |
| Douala | June 27, 2012 |
| Yaoundé | |
| Cape Verde, Praia | |
| Central African Republic, Bangui | |
| Chad, N'Djamena | |
| China | |
| Beijing | |
| Chengdu | |
| Guangzhou | |
| Shanghai | |
| Shenyang | |
| Wuhan | June 27, 2012 |
| Congo, Democratic Republic of the | |
| Kinshasa | |
| Congo, Republic of the | |
| Brazzaville | |
| Cote d'Ivoire, Abidjan | |
| Cuba, Havana | |
| Cyprus, Nicosia | |
| Czech Republic, Vyskov | |
| Djibouti | |
| East Timor (See Timor, L'Este) | |
| Ecuador, Quito | |
| Equatorial Guinea, Malabo | |
| Eritrea, Asmara | |
| Estonia | |
| Ethiopia, Addis Ababa | |
| Fiji, Suva | |
| Gabon, Libreville | |
| Gambia, Banjul | May 4, 2014 |
| Georgia, Tbilisi | |
| Ghana, Accra | |
| Grenada, St. George's | |
| Guinea, Conakry | |
| Guyana, Georgetown | |
| Haiti, Port Au Prince | June 27, 2012 |

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| India | |
| Calcutta | |
| Chennai | |
| Kolkata | June 27, 2012 |
| Mumbai | |
| New Delhi | |
| Indonesia | |
| Ivory Coast (See Cote d'Ivoire) | |
| Kazakhstan | |
| Almaty (Alma-Ata) | |
| Astana (Aqmola) | |
| Kenya, Kisumu | |
| Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek | |
| Kosovo, Pristina | |
| Laos, Vientiane | June 27, 2012 |
| Latvia, Riga | |
| Liberia, Monrovia | |
| Libya, Tripoli | |
| Lithuania, Vilnius | |
| Macedonia, Skopje | |
| Madagascar, Antananarivo | |
| Malawi, Lilongwe | |
| Mali, Bamako | |
| Marshall Islands, Majuro | June 27, 2012 |
| Mauritania, Nouakchott | |
| Micronesia, Kolonia | |
| Moldova, Chisinau | June 27, 2012 |
| Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar | |
| Montenegro, Podgorica | |
| Mozambique, Maputo | |
| Namibia, Windhoek | January 24, 2012 |
| Nepal, Kathmandu | |
| Nicaragua, Managua | |
| Niger, Niamey | |
| Nigeria | |
| Abuja | |
| Lagos | |
| Norway, Bodo | |
| Muscat | |
| Pakistan | |
| Islamabad | |
| Quetta | |
| Philippines, Manila | |
| Poland | |
| Bydgoszcz | |
| Szczecin | |
| Warsaw | |

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| Location | Effective Date |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Romania, Bucharest | |
| Russia | |
| Moscow | |
| St. Petersburg | |
| Vladivostok | |
| Yekaterinburg | |
| Rwanda, Kigali | |
| Senegal | |
| Serbia, Belgrade | |
| Sierra Leone, Freetown | |
| Slovakia, Trencin | |
| Somalia, Mogadishu | |
| Sri Lanka, Colombo | |
| Sudan, Khartoum | |
| Suriname, Paramaribo | |
| Syria, Damascus | |
| Tajikistan, Dushanbe | |
| Tanzania, Dar es Salaam | |
| Thailand, Udorn | June 27, 2012 |
| Timor, L'Este, Dili | |
| Togo, Lome | |
| Turkmenistan, Ashgabat | |
| Uganda, Kampala | |
| Ukraine, Kiev | |
| Uzbekistan, Tashkent | |
| Venezuela, Caracas | |
| Vietnam | |
| Hanoi | June 27, 2012 |
| Ho Chi Minh City | June 27, 2012 |
| Yemen, Sanaa | |
| Zambia, Lusaka | |
| Zimbabwe, Harare | June 27, 2012 |

B. Criteria For Establishing A Consumable Goods Allowance

1. The senior officer in the location concerned may submit a justified request for the area to be designated as a location outside of the continental United States (OCONUS) to which consumable goods may be shipped. The justified request is sent through the appropriate organizational channels to the following for approval:

Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
 Attn: Policy and Regulations Branch
 4800 Mark Center Drive
 Suite 04J25-01
 Alexandria, VA 22350-9000

2. The request must address the following questions:

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- a. How many Service members and DoD employees serve in the location?
 - b. Are State Department employees authorized a consumable goods shipment to the location?
 - c. What types of consumable goods are unavailable locally? Please include foodstuffs, household, and personal items.
 - d. Is the quality of consumable goods available locally equivalent to the American counterpart? If not, explain.
 - e. What factors contribute to the lack of a reliable local source of adequate, necessary consumable goods? Are those factors likely to improve in the foreseeable future?
 - f. Do locally available fresh foods require preparation far different from the American counterpart of those foods? If so, explain.
 - g. Why do Service members and civilian employees prefer to or need to eat canned, dried, or processed vegetables and produce rather than locally available items?
 - h. Do food shortages require Service members or civilian employees to wait in line for items for long periods?
 - i. Does the State Department have a commissary, food locker, or co-op at the location? If so:
 - (a) What is the space and storage capacity of the facility?
 - (b) What variety of items is available?
 - (c) How often is it restocked?
 - (d) Can Service members and civilian employees place bulk orders for consumable goods through the facility?
 - (e) How often are bulk orders placed?
 - (f) Are the bulk orders received on time?
 - j. Who is the point of contact for this request? Please include commercial phone and fax numbers and email address, if available.
3. The high price of consumable goods in a location is not a factor in deciding whether to establish a consumable goods allowance. The Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) is designed to offset a high cost of living at a PDS OCONUS.