

Household Goods: Information and Suggestions for Shipments

MUST KNOW INFORMATION FOR THE SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

- ✦ *Per MARADMIN 221/19, effective 02 April 2019, all accompanied Marines and Sailors (attached to a USMC unit) are eligible to bring their full JTR weight allowance to Okinawa. Unaccompanied Service Members (USMC and USN attached to a USMC unit are allowed to bring 600 lbs.*
- ✦ Per the JTR, Navy personnel attached to a Navy unit are allowed to bring their full HHG weight allowance.
- ✦ Once you have been found **medically suitable for your overseas tour**, please begin the process of setting up your shipment of household goods by visiting www.move.mil to create/update your DPS account.
- ✦ It is encouraged to perform a self-counseling to reduce friction and facilitate better planning before your final appointment with the Distribution Management Office (DMO) or the Transportation Management Office (TMO).
- ✦ **Funded Orders and a copy of your Approved Area Clearance/Dependent Entry Approval (DEA)** may be required to finalize your shipment of Household Goods (HHGs) with DMO/TMO.
- ✦ **When deciding what to bring, please keep in mind that the housing and billeting units in Okinawa are smaller than those in the states.**

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE EXPRESS/UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE SHIPMENT

- 42-inch TV or smaller, DVD /Blu-ray Player and a few favorite DVDs.
- Baby crib or Play Pen. (Item has to be less than 42 inches in diameter when disassembled).
- Lamps and small fans.
- Space heater. Some off-base housing units do not have built-in heaters.
- Bedding (double & twin size sheets, blankets, pillows and pillow casings).
- Linens, enough to make it through the week to avoid frequent trips to the laundry.
- Set of dishes (enough for you or your entire family to use).
- Pots, pans, and cooking utensils.
- Mixing bowls and colanders (strainers).
- Measuring cups and measuring spoons.
- Blender, coffee machine, microwave and toaster.
- Laundry baskets, small ironing board, and iron.
- Clothing to include rain gear and summer clothes. Okinawa is extremely hot and humid during the summer time. Pack a combination of clothing to include a warm jacket as weather varies dramatically.
- Children's items (i.e. toys and their personal belongings).
- Small rugs and a few carpets as tile over concrete is the standard floor in most homes.
- Any other essential items needed within the first 30-60 days.
- *Temporary kitchen kits are available for personnel to borrow through Marine & Family Programs-Resources Centers.*

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD GOODS SHIPMENT

- Additional clothes and shoes not packed in the express shipment.
- Additional kitchenware not packed in the express shipment.
- Pet supplies and other pet items (if applicable).
- Bedroom set or mattresses (if you have comfortable ones).
- Living room set, if not too heavy.
- Large rugs, carpets, and household/holiday décor.
- Bathroom sets such as bathroom rugs, additional towels and shower caddies.
- Keep books to a minimum unless they are part of your professional equipment.
- Dehumidifiers are great to have as it is very humid in Okinawa during the spring and summer months.
- CDs, DVDs, and board games are a must to have during bad weather or Typhoon Season.
- Anything you will need to live on for the next 2-3 years.
- Temporary loaner furniture is available for personnel on full JFTR weight allowances. For details, please visit the Furnishings Management website: <http://www.housing.af.mil/Units/Okinawa/furnishingsmanagement/>.

This serves as general list of suggestions for the shipment of HHGs. For additional policies or weight allowances relating to your HHGs shipment please contact your local DMO or TMO.