

# **Military Customs and Border Clearance Inspection and Agricultural Agent BRIEFING**

Passengers leaving CENTCOM



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# U.S. CENTCOM Customs



Eliminate the introduction of agricultural pests, various diseases, and the flow of illegal drugs and contraband from the USCENTCOM AOR into United States through DoD and DoD contracted transportation.

## WHAT WE LOOK FOR

Agricultural hazards which may pose risk or danger to U.S. soil and agriculture.

- Dirt/soil/earth
- Plant life
- Insects/pests

### Contraband

- Illegal substances
- Ammunition
- Pornography
- Alcohol
- Prohibited/restricted items IAW DTR Part V and CENTCOM GO-1D

**BOTTOMLINE: ANYONE OR ANYTHING GOING BACK TO U.S. REQUIRES CUSTOMS INSPECTION.**



# Permitted And Prohibited Items Overview



# Maps



## Permitted

- Unclassified maps with no markings or writing.
- Any map accompanied by:
  - Courier ID & Orders
  - Memorandum from Chain of Command



## Prohibited

- Any map with writing or markings: FOB layouts/markings, TCP's, or QRF locations.
- All maps marked Classified or above; (Non-Courier)





# Classified Documents



## Permitted

• Only authorized to carry any classified documents if you have:

- Courier ID & Orders
- Memorandum from Chain of Command



## Prohibited

- Anyone else transporting classified documents.
- Personally owned items with secret decals (Non-courier)





# Knives



**All knives must be placed in checked bags!**

## Permitted

- Fixed blade knives must be sheathed.
- Folding knives must be closed.
- Spring assisted knives are allowed



## Prohibited

- Butterfly Knives.
- Spring Loaded Knives
  - Stiletto Type Out the front only with memo (but must be in DOD cargo).





# Multi-Tools



- All multi-tools such as Gerbers, knives, scissors, seatbelt cutters, and entrenching tool (over 4"), and tools (over 7") **must be in your checked bag only.**





# Self-Defense Tools



- Self-defense weapons are prohibited except for ASP/ batons. Batons are allowed only if Military issued and accompanied by memorandum and clothing record.

## Prohibited

- Throwing knives/blades.
- Knives with blades that are designed to be concealed.
- Brass knuckles.







# Ammunition



## Prohibited

Live ammunition, flares, primers, gun powder, nonlethal rounds, explosives, and cartridges are strictly prohibited.

If it goes **PEW PEW**, or **BANG BANG!** It is a **NO GO!!!**





# Weapons/Magazines

- All weapons not being checked in approved cases must be carried on your person and have a bolt plug in place, OR the bolt can be removed and placed in a checked bag only.



- All weapon magazines must be clear, free of all ammo, and in your checked bag(s).

**If you bring weapon magazines in a carry-on, they will be confiscated.**

**Pistols MUST be accompanied by a worn holster, otherwise weapon must be fully disassembled and placed into a checked bag.**



# Grenade Paraphernalia



## Prohibited

- Anything that resembles a realistic Grenade or explosive device is a no-go!!
  - Toy-like Grenade
  - Empty Grenade Shell
  - Training Grenades
  - Smoke Grenades





# Galaxy Note 7



NOT PERMITTED IN SHIPPING  
CONTAINER, CUSTOMS  
BUILDING **OR ANY AIRCRAFT!!**





# Shell Casings



- Shell casings and projectiles are **Prohibited**.
- Unless accompanied by a **DD 603-1** form and must be rendered useless beyond the possibility of restoration.





# Shell Casings



## Requirements **PERMITTED**

- 1) Limited to **6 TOTAL** cartridges
- 2) Primer pocket drilled out larger than primer
- 3) **AND** shell cut in half (i.e. 105mm or 40MM down to stein or shot glass size) **OR** At least a 1/4" hole drilled on the side
- 4) No Projectiles Affixed
- 5) **Must have DD Form 603-1 signed by the Customs Theater Program Manager**

## **PERMITTED**



## **PROHIBITED**





# Combined Shell Casings



## Requirements:

- Limited to **12 casings TOTAL IF AFFIXED TOGETHER.**
- Primer Pocket drilled out larger than primer.
- No Projectiles Affixed.
- At least a "1/4" hole drilled in side OR shell cut down from original size (i.e. 105mm or 40mm)

**Signed 603-1 still must be signed by Customs Theater Program Manager.**

Based on U.S. importation guidance



# Lighters



## Permitted

- Zippo shells are permitted, so long as the insert containing fluid has been removed and disposed of.
- Up to 4 books of matches.



## Prohibited

- No butane, gas, or liquid lighter fluid containers.
- No BIC style lighters or disposable lighters.
- No torch lighters.







# Batteries



- Batteries are **Permitted**
- Lithium-Ion Batteries Watt-hour rating must not exceed 100Wh, and **cannot exceed more than two per individual person.**
- **ALL SPARE BATTERIES MUST BE PLACED IN CARRY ON ONLY**





# Vape Juice



- Limited to three (3) bottles of 3.5 ounces or less.
- Must have original factory seal.
- Must have original label.
- E-Cigarette devices with batteries are authorized in carry-on baggage but cannot be used on aircraft.





# Aerosols/Flammable Liquids



All Aerosols must be for personal hygiene use only. All others labeled flammable or contents under pressure will be confiscated. Carry-on items must be less than 3.5 oz.

Permitted



Prohibited





# Food & Powders



- Consumable powders **MUST** be in their original factory labeled container. They are subject to search at the discretion of the Customs Agent.
- Non-Consumable powders (i.e., foot, baby, body) do not need to be factory sealed but must be in their original factory labeled container.

## Permitted

- In original container.
- May be opened/searched
- USDA approved



## Prohibited

- Fresh fruits or vegetables.
- Unlabeled products.
- Organic powders/products.
- Not in original container.





# Medications



- Prescriptions **MUST** be in original **Pharmacy Labeled Container**. Military Issued Meds **MUST** be in **Issued Plastic Bag**.
- ALL REQUIRE:
  - Patient's Name -Name of Medication
  - Medical Provider's Name -Expiration Date(if applicable)
- Over the Counter Medication (including supplements and vitamins in pill form) **MUST** be in **Original Bottles**.
- **\*Please let customs know if you have designated medic bags with TMC issued medications in them**

Prescription medications or O.T.C. pills cannot be mixed. They **WILL** be seized if commingled (placing medications into a Monday-Friday organizer is considered commingling, and those will be seized.)



# Medications



- **Any medications left in your baggage (Carry On or Checked) will reflect on the X-Ray, and your full bag will be searched.**
- You **MAY NOT** carry prescription medications that belong to **another person(s)** through Customs.
- QuiK Clot, units with mission requirements can proceed with 3 packages, exceptions to combat units and medics, and special operations forces.
- Artropine Injectors cannot be transported by an individual; only unit containers can be utilized for injectors.



# Declaration Of Money



- Carrying more than \$10,000 US or foreign currency equivalent must be declared to a Customs Inspector.
- FinCEN Form 105 Department of the Treasury.





# Embargoed Items



- Items from trade restricted countries including Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Russia, or Sudan are **Prohibited**.
- Unmarked tobacco products are **Prohibited**.
- Up to 200 cigarettes (2 cartons) and 100 cigars or equivalent of are **Permitted**.
- Cuban Cigars are **Prohibited**.







# Unauthorized Trademark



## Permitted

- One item or matching set.



## Prohibited

- Multiples of the same item type.
- Multiple sets.





# Foreign/Historic Artifacts



- Historic artifacts are **Prohibited**.
- Foreign public property such as license plates and streets signs are also **Prohibited**.





# Pornographic Material



- Pornographic material such as VHS, DVDs, CDs, pictures, playing Cards, electronic media, etc. is **Prohibited**.
- Personal Pleasure Devices cannot resemble genitalia.
- Any and all images or depictions of genitalia are **Prohibited**.



# Other Prohibited Items



- Any Organic products.
- No dirt, sand, unpolished rocks, unfinished wood, or unlabeled liquids such as oils and perfumes.
- No alcohol (RUBBING/ DRINKING).
- No insects (dead or alive), unless they are preserved in solid acrylic.
- No human or animal body parts including furs, ivory, and seashells.
- No plants or plant material including resin, flowers, seeds, and leaves.