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MEMORANDUM FOR US CINCPAC, DEPUTY COMMANDER IN CHIEF

SUBJ: Commissary Privileges for Civilians on Temporary Duty (TDY) Orders

Recently, civilians and contractors on TDY orders have requested entrance to commissaries in Hawaii. These individuals carried in their possession orders that stated they were "authorized commissary and exchange privileges". Unfortunately, these travelers have been mistakenly advised regarding their entitlement to commissary privileges.

To reduce instances of this occurrence, and any resulting inconvenience caused to the traveler, this letter provides guidance on when civilians in a TDY status are authorized commissary privileges. We respectfully request your assistance forwarding this information to offices in Hawaii that host TDY civilians and ask that they pass it on to orders issuing activities.

DoD 1330.17-R is the governing regulation on the commissary benefit. Paragraph 2-204 authorizes commissary privileges to DoD civilian employees on TDY orders at overseas locations when certified by the local command. For purposes of this regulation, Hawaii is not considered an overseas location. Overseas locations are defined in paragraph 1-201.15 as "other than the 50 United States. Puerto Rico and Guam are considered overseas." Furthermore, regardless of duty site or TDY site, DoD 1330.17-R does not authorize commissary privileges for non-DoD civilian employees in a TDY status.

Thus, neither DoD nor any other civilian personnel who are TDY to any site in the 50 United States from a duty station overseas or in the United States are entitled to commissary privileges at any commissary located in the 50 United States, regardless of what their TDY orders might state about entitlement to commissary privileges.

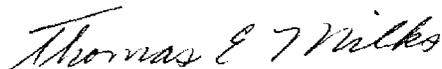
An office that issues TDY orders to a civilian employee who will be traveling to an overseas, i.e. outside the 50 United States, TDY site has no authority to confer commissary privileges on the TDY traveler. Local command authority in each overseas area determines whether or not the TDY traveler will be entitled to use a commissary or commissaries in the overseas location(s).

Typically, when TDY travelers to overseas locations arrive at their duty site they take their orders to the local command office that certifies the entitlement for the TDY traveler to use the commissary while TDY at that location. Contingent upon local

procedures, this office will either endorse a set of the TDY orders or issue some other form of credential to the TDY traveler to indicate authorization to use the commissary during the period of TDY indicated on the TDY orders.

If the TDY duty is at a location where the provisions of a Status of Forces Agreement or other similar agreement have been interpreted to prohibit personnel who are TDY from shopping in the commissary, then the local command authority will not authorize commissary privileges for a TDY traveler.

For additional information, please contact Thomas Phillips, Western/Pacific Region operations assistance division chief at DSN 839-4830 or (916) 569-4830 or Marcia Jimenez, Western/Pacific Region Hawaii zone manager at (808) 448-4669.



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