



HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES MILITARY TRAINING MISSION  
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OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

MEMORANDUM FOR INCOMING PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Legal Restrictions – Household Goods

1. The office of the Staff Judge Advocate cordially welcomes you to the United States Military Training Mission. We're confident that you will find your assignment at USMTM to be challenging and rewarding. Here are some tips to better assist you in your transition to USMTM:

- a. It is important that you obtain your diplomatic passport and multi-exit visa as soon as possible. You will not gain entry to Saudi Arabia if you do not have a valid passport and visa. Please review the handout at <http://www.usmtm.sppn.af.mil/PCS/hot-passport-visa.pdf>
- b. As you prepare for shipment of household goods, please keep in mind that USCENCOM General Order 1, dated 19 Dec 00, specifically prohibits the shipment/possession of pornographic materials, alcohol, controlled substances (without a prescription), and firearms/explosives.
- c. Saudi Arabian law also prohibits pornographic materials, non-Muslim religious items, alcoholic products, and firearms/explosives. The Saudi Arabian Customs Office inspects inbound shipments. In particular, they scrutinize DVDs, videotapes, CDs, and video games. Please understand that their interpretation of "pornography" is more conservative in scope compared to Western standards. For example, an "R" or "PG-13" movie may contain brief nudity or sexually-suggestive scenes, which may be subject to seizure and nominal fines. We urge you not to take any chances in shipping questionable items. If you do send such items, please understand that our claims office cannot reimburse you for the loss of your item or any fines imposed by Customs. Finally, shipment of such items is an unnecessary risk, since our base facilities and the Armed Forces Network have an extensive variety of DVDs, videos, books, and other items – all free for your use.

2. Again, welcome to the USMTM team! If you have any questions or need any assistance whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact our office at DSN 318-435-7094 or [david.dusseau@usmtm.sppn.af.mil](mailto:david.dusseau@usmtm.sppn.af.mil).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Dusseau".

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