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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
CHIEFS OF THE DOD MILITARY SERVICES
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- References (a) Chief of Staff; Performing Duties of the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Memo, "Authorized Departure of Eligible Family Members (EFMs) from the Island of Honshu, Japan," March 17, 2011
- (b) Chief of Staff; Performing Duties of the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Memo, "Update to Voluntary Authorized Departure of Eligible Family Members (EFMs) from the Island of Honshu, Japan," March 18, 2011
- (c) Chief of Staff; Performing Duties of the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Letter, "Delegation of Approval Authority for Foreign and Non-Foreign Overseas Alternate Safe Haven Requests for Department of Defense (DoD) Eligible Family Members (EFMs) Authorized Departure of from Japan," March 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Termination of Voluntary Authorized Departure of Eligible Family Members (EFMs) from the Island of Honshu, Japan

Effective the date of this memorandum, the authorized departure of DoD EFMs from the locations specified in Reference (b), is terminated. EFMs who departed under the authorized departure authority or were prevented from returning due to Stop Movement may now return. If the EFM's military sponsor is due to depart PCS within sixty (60) days of the EFM's scheduled return date, the EFMs are not authorized to return, unless authorized by the member's Service Secretarial Process. EFMs of civilian employees are not authorized to return if the employee is within thirty (30) days of reassignment. The Service Secretaries are authorized to extend safe haven benefits to those EFMs whose civilian sponsor is within 30 days of tour completion.

Military member EFMs who departed under the authorized departure, or who interrupted travel under the Stop Movement, will be processed for safe haven allowance in accordance with JFTR, Chapter 6, Part A. DoD civilian employee EFMs will be processed in accordance with JTR, Chapter 6, Part C. To allow time to make transportation arrangements, safe haven benefits will terminate effective 10 days from the date of this memorandum.

Responsible EFMs who departed with a command-sponsored school-aged dependent and enrolled that dependent in school at their safe haven location may remain with their school-aged dependent at their safe haven location until the dependent completes his or her current school

semester (or equivalent academic period). Safe haven benefits for military EFMs will terminate one day after the current school semester (or equivalent academic period) ends for their last command-sponsored dependent enrolled in school at his or her safe haven location. Safe haven benefits for civilian EFMs will terminate in accordance with JTR Chapter 6, Part C, after the authorized departure is terminated. However, these EFMs may request transitional separate maintenance allowance (TSMA) under Department of State Standardized Regulations (DSSR) section 262.3.b (see also DSSR 264.3). The period covered by TSMA may not exceed 90 days. Total safe haven benefits may not exceed 180 days.

EFMs who departed under the authorized departure authority, or who interrupted travel under the Stop Movement, and who decide not to return to their sponsor's primary duty station, may be authorized movement to a designated place under early return authority in JFTR, par.U5900 or JTR, par. C5450, or use the sponsor's permanent change of station orders to travel to the next permanent duty station, if applicable.



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