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ALSO FOR USAID EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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SUBJECT: POUCH PRIVILEGES FOR USAID U.S. CITIZEN
INTERNATIONAL/OFFSHORE-RECRUITED PERSONAL SERVICES
CONTRACTORS

1. EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15, 2000, U.S. AGENCY FOR
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT U.S. CITIZEN,
INTERNATIONAL/OFFSHORE-RECRUITED PERSONAL SERVICE
CONTRACTORS ("USAID INTERNATIONALLY RECRUITED USPSCS") ARE
EXTENDED FULL DIPLOMATIC POUCH PRIVILEGES TO SEND AND

RECEIVE PERSONAL MAIL, INCLUDING PACKAGES, I.E. ON THE SAME BASIS AS USAID DIRECT-HIRE EMPLOYEES UNDER 5 FAM 343.2(A). USAID AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAVE SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT AT THE WASHINGTON LEVEL TO COVER THE ADDED COST OF POUCHES FROM WASHINGTON TO POSTS FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS. HOWEVER THIS MOA DOES NOT ADDRESS INDIVIDUAL POST ICASS COSTS (MAILROOM) ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PRIVILEGE. USAID MISSION EXOS WILL IDENTIFY AND FURNISH NAMES OF ELIGIBLE INTERNATIONALLY-RECRUITED USPSCS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. POSTS WILL NEED TO ADDRESS THE ICASS AND, IF NECESSARY, ANY NOTIFICATION/IDENTIFICATION ISSUES WITH THE POST'S USAID MISSION.

2. USAID INTERNATIONALLY-RECRUITED USPSCS IN RECEIVING
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FULL POUCH PRIVILEGES MUST NOT BE PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY ARE WORKING FOR USAID. LOCALLY RECRUITED USPSCS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO POUCH PRIVILEGES EVEN IF THEY ARE U.S. CITIZENS. THIS PRESERVES THE INTEGRITY OF THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH AND ITS CONTENTS. ANY REFERENCE TO "DIPLOMATIC POUCH ACCESS" OR "POUCH" IS NOT TO BE USED IN JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADVERTISEMENTS, OR OTHER SUCH DOCUMENTS. A GENERIC REFERENCE TO MAIL MAY BE USED.

3. POUCH PRIVILEGES FOR USAID INSTITUTIONAL CONTRACTORS AND GRANTEES WILL NOT CHANGE. THEY CONTINUE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ONLY LIMITED POUCH PRIVILEGES UNDER 5 FAM 343.2(B).

4. USAID INTERNATIONALLY-RECRUITED USPSCS SHOULD BE PROVIDED A LIST OF PROHIBITED POUCH MATERIALS (5-FAH-10 H-531). USAID INTERNATIONALLY-RECRUITED USPSCS SHOULD ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE FACT THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE POUCH (I.E., THEIR PERSONAL MAIL SHOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED TO FOREIGN OFFICIALS. USAID INTERNATIONALLY-RECRUITED USPSCS MUST BE REMINDED THAT ITEMS RECEIVED THROUGH THE POUCH ARE FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL USE.

5. THE POUCH IS NOT TO BE USED AS A MEANS OF SHIPPING HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS OR AIRFREIGHT. NON-PROHIBITED FOODSTUFFS IN LIMITED AMOUNTS MAY BE RECEIVED (5 FAM 341 B.2). A FULL CONSUMABLES SHIPMENT VIA POUCH IS NOT AUTHORIZED. AS WITH ALL POUCH SHIPMENTS, POUCH CONTROL OFFICERS ARE TO MONITOR SHIPMENTS FOR POSSIBLE ABUSE.

6. USAID HAS CLEARED THIS TELEGRAM.
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