

**INFORMATION PAPER
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Subject: DoD Humanitarian Assistance Excess Property (HA-EP)

Background:

- 10 U.S.C. section 2557 authorizes the Secretary of Defense to “make available for humanitarian relief purposes any nonlethal excess supplies of the Department of Defense.” 10 U.S.C. section 2561 authorizes DoD transportation of such excess property.
- Excess property (EP) can be furnished under planned humanitarian assistance (HA) projects (see separate paper) and/or in response to requests for disaster response/emergency relief.
- DSCA manages global HA-EP using three dedicated DoD HA-EP warehouse facilities: one located at the Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, GA, which services primarily CENTCOM, NORTHCOM, and SOUTHCOM; one located in Okinawa, Japan, servicing primarily PACOM; and one located in Livorno, Italy, which services primarily EUCOM and AFRICOM.
- Warehouse personnel screen, select, refurbish as necessary, store, and arrange for shipment of EP that consists typically of furniture, medical and school equipment, clothing and household textiles, tools, generators, tents, vehicles, and construction equipment. (Medical equipment is generally low-tech.)
- The law requires that EP made available for humanitarian purposes be transferred to the Secretary of State for distribution. In practice this means that OHDACA funds the selection, any necessary refurbishment, packing and transportation of DoD EP, which is turned over to the U.S. Ambassador (or his/her representative) for presentation to the in-country recipient.
- HDM prepares the annual report to Congress required by 10 U.S.C. 2561, which includes a description of any transfer of excess DoD nonlethal supplies under section 2557 during the prior fiscal year.