

**INFORMATION PAPER
PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE
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DIVISION**

Subject: DOD Humanitarian Assistance Funded Transportation Program (FTP)

Background:

- The FTP is a humanitarian assistance transportation program authorized under Title 10 U.S.C. section 2561, which provides DOD the authority to transport humanitarian assistance materials worldwide such as DOD non-lethal excess property and humanitarian assistance materials donated by non-governmental organizations (NGOs), international organizations (IOs), and private voluntary organizations (PVOs) for humanitarian relief.
- The authority provides for the payment of the actual cost of commercial transportation and any associated DOD administrative costs incurred. FTP is paid for by using the Overseas Disaster and Civic Aid (OHDACA) account and is administered by DSCA/PGM/HDM.
- Cargo is limited only to that which addresses basic humanitarian needs such as food, shelter, clothing and medical. Pharmaceuticals and medical supplies within months of their expiration date and perishable food are not permitted.
- While the statutory authority permits any mode of transportation and for cargo that could be defined as humanitarian assistance materials, the DoD has established policies that impose limits on the mode of transportation to surface due to the limited amount of funding associated with FTP.
- Airlift using the FTP is reserved only for declared emergency/disaster situations and is coordinated with the U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) and SDDC.
- Applicants are advised to submit their transportation request applications to the DSCA/PGM/HDM program manager via the internet at <http://hatransportation.oasis.org>, which is established to assist organizations by simplifying the process.
- The DSCA/PGM/HDM staff works with the donor, Department of State (DOS), United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the DoD shipping agent to facilitate the process. Once an application is approved, DSCA/PGM/HDM

arranges all inspection and transportation requirements and tracks the shipment.
DSCA/PGM/HDM verifies invoice data for payment of transportation costs.

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