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NARR/THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES NOTIFICATION OF USNORTHCOM ACTIONS TO TEMPORARILY IMPOSE CHANGES TO EXISTING THEATER CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO MEXICO.// POC/USNORTHCOM J34/TEL COMM 719-554-8311 OR 3897/DSN

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1. (U) DUE TO THE ONGOING HEALTH THREAT IN MEXICO, THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY BY ORDER OF THE CHARGE DE AFFAIRS HAS DIRECTED THAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL INBOUND TEMPORARY DUTY TRAVELS ARE SUSPENDED UNLESS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE H1N1 FLU OUTBREAK CRISIS.
2. (U) IN SUPPORT OF AND COMPLEMENTARY TO U.S. EMBASSY MEXICO COUNTRY CLEARANCE ACTIONS, USNORTHCOM DIRECTS THAT OFFICIAL DOD TRAVEL TO MEXICO BE RESTRICTED TO ESSENTIAL TRAVEL ONLY IN SUPPORT OF H1N1 FLU OUTBREAK CRISIS. SPECIFIC GUIDANCE PERTAINING TO USNORTHCOM THEATER CLEARANCE PROCEDURES IS CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.
3. (U) APPLICABILTY. APPLIES TO ALL DOD PERSONNEL TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL ORDERS FOR TEMPORARY DUTY IN OR TRANSITING THROUGH MEXICO.
4. (U) THEATER CLEARANCE.
 - 4.A. (U) PERSONNEL THAT ARE ALREADY IN MEXICO ON APPROVED THEATER CLEARANCE WILL CONTINUE THEIR MISSION, UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE BY ODC MEXICO CITY.
 - 4.B. (U) PERSONNEL THAT HAVE BEEN GRANTED A THEATER CLEARANCE, BUT HAVE NOT YET DEPLOYED, WILL HAVE THEIR THEATER CLEARANCE CANCELLED UNLESS THE MISSION IS DETERMINED MISSION ESSENTIAL IN SUPPORT OF H1N1 BY THE CDRUSNORTHCOM AND/OR ODC MEXICO CITY.
 - 4.C. (U) NEW REQUESTS FOR THEATER CLEARANCE.

4.C.1. (U) ALL REQUESTS MUST JUSTIFY THE MISSION ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE APPROVING AUTHORITY FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL IN THE REMARKS SECTION OF THE APACS THEATER CLEARANCE REQUEST. EXCEPTIONS TO TDY TRAVEL NOT IN SUPPORT OF H1N1 CRISIS OPERATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED IN COORDINATION WITH ODC MEXICO CITY.

4.C.2. (U) LEAD TIME FOR THEATER CLEARANCE REQUESTS IS 14 DAYS.

4.D. (U) ABSENCE OF APPROVAL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVED THEATER CLEARANCE. DISAPPROVAL OR ABSENCE OF APPROVAL BY ANY CLEARANCE-GRANTING AUTHORITY CONSTITUTES DENIAL OF AUTHORITY TO ENTER MEXICO.

5. (U) USNORTHCOM WILL MODIFY THEATER CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS IN COORDINATION WITH U.S. EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY AND THEIR CHANGES TO COUNTRY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS AS THE SITUATION WARRANTS.

6. (U) TRAVELERS GRANTED APPROVAL MAY REVIEW UP-TO-DATE HEALTH INFORMATION AND TRAVEL NOTICES LOCATED AT [HTTP://WWW.CDC.GOV/TRAVEL/](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/).

7. (U) PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE IS ACTIVE FOR INTERNAL COMMUNICATION AND RESPONSE TO QUERY FOR PUBLIC AND NEWS MEDIA. PUBLIC AFFAIRS WILL SUPPORT COMMANDER ACTIONS TO ENSURE ALL PERSONNEL ARE AWARE OF THE RESTRICTIONS IN THIS MESSAGE.

7.A. (U) IF NECESSARY, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT MAY BE USED TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC AND MEDIA QUERIES. QUOTE: BASED UPON THE INCREASED HEALTH RISK POSED TO MILITARY PERSONNEL TRAVELING TO MEXICO, THE COMMANDER OF US NORTHERN COMMAND HAS DETERMINED THAT OFFICIAL TRAVEL FOR US MILITARY PERSONNEL TO MEXICO SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO MISSION ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL TRAVEL ONLY. A PROCESS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL SITUATIONS. THE COMMANDER OF US NORTHERN COMMAND HAS TAKEN THIS ACTION TO MINIMIZE RISKS TO US MILITARY PERSONNEL. UNQUOTE.

7.B. (U) IF PRESSED, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS MAY USE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THIS MESSAGE TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC AND MEDIA QUERIES. HOWEVER, USNORTHCOM PA SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF NATIONAL LEVEL MEDIA INTEREST. USNORTHCOM PA POC IS MR MICHAEL KUCHARAK, 719-554-6889, E-MAIL: MICHAEL.KUCHARAK@NORTHCOM.MIL. AKNLDG/YES//

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