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SUBJECT: Denton Program (Space Available Transportation Program)

BACKGROUND:

- The Denton Program, authorized under the Jeremiah Denton amendment to 10 U.S.C., section 402, permits the Department of Defense (DoD) to transport privately donated humanitarian cargo to foreign countries using military transportation on a space-available basis at no cost to the donating agency or organization.
- The Defense Security Cooperation Agency, in coordination with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) must certify that the project is in the national interest of the United States, humanitarian, may not include any hazardous, political, or religious material, the material transported is in usable condition, there are legitimate requirements for the material in country, and distribution arrangements are established.
- When an application is approved, DSCA works with the donor, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and other DoD elements to facilitate the transportation process, including cargo inspection and shipment tracking.
- The donor must have a designated recipient for the cargo and ensure entry requirements into the country of destination are arranged. Cargo cannot be sent to military or paramilitary organizations, unless the organization provides a specific service to the civilian population.
- Transportation depends on the availability of scheduled military airlift between specific origin and destination points, and no assurance of a specific delivery date can be provided.
- During Foreign Disaster Response operations, transportation under the Denton Program to countries affected by a disaster may be suspended until after response operations have ceased.
- The website for requesting transportation services via the Denton Program is: <u>http://hatransportation.ohasis.org</u>.

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