

**General Instruction**  
**NETHERLANDS (NL)**

**PPCIG-OL**

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## 1. SHIPMENT INSTRUCTIONS

No restrictions identified.

### a. WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

(1) AF Personnel:

(a) Accompanied tour: Full JFTR for all personnel.

(b) Unaccompanied tour: Depend upon unit of assignment

(1) Volkel AB, 752 MUNSS, APO AE 09717: Full JFTR; however, unaccompanied member may choose to reside in the barracks, if available. Member must always inquire with destination sponsor for availability of barracks prior to determination of personal property(PPTY)-weight to be shipped. In addition, member must ensure destination sponsor knows member's personal travel flight number and date/time arriving a Schiphol AP.

(2) 470th AB USAF Element assigned to JFC HQ Brunssum (former AFNORTH): Full JFTR. If member must reside in barracks, restricted weight entitlement applies. Member must always inquire with destination sponsor for availability of barracks prior to determination of PPTY-weight to be shipped.

(2) Army Personnel:

(a) Accompanied tour: Full JFTR.

(b) Unaccompanied tour: See AR 55-71 for entitlement. Member must always inquire with destination sponsor for availability of barracks prior to determination of PPTY-weight to be shipped.

### b. CONTAINER/CRATING REQUIREMENTS

No restrictions identified.

### c. HARD LIFT AREA

No restrictions identified.

### d. UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE

No restrictions identified.

## 2. CUSTOMS CLEARANCE PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND RESTRICTIONS

There are no restrictions on personal property shipments. PPTY shipment will be cleared through customs by the destination ITO. No special documentation is required.

## 3. CONSUMABLES

No restrictions identified.

### a. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

One litre of an alcoholic beverage and four bottles of wine can be imported in personal property.

#### b. CIGARETTES/TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Shipments of cigarettes/tobacco products between CONUS and overseas or within overseas countries may be shipped subject to host country requirements/restrictions identified. When undefined or in doubt, the TMO will request clarification by message from the responsible transportation authority at destination.

#### c. COSMETICS

No restrictions identified.

#### d. FOOD STUFFS AND MEATS

No restrictions identified.

#### e. MEDICATION (NARCOTICS)/PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

No restrictions identified.

### 4. ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

No restrictions identified.

#### a. HOME COMPUTERS

No restrictions.

#### b. TVs/VCRs

No restrictions identified.

#### c. OTHER (i.e. COMPATIBILITY, ETC)

No restrictions identified.

### 5. FURNITURE, OVERSIZED

No Government owned housing is available in the Netherlands. Government controlled housing and other economy available housing might be smaller than American houses and can have narrow stairways and/or small windows. Therefore, houses may have restricted accessibility for king/queen size beds and mattresses, or other equivalent in size property. A common bedroom dimension for the largest (master) bedroom is 15 x 12 feet. Large appliances are impractical and recommended to store in NTS in the US.

### 6. PETS/QUARANTINE

a. Animals must be vaccinated with a live virus rabies vaccine at least 30 days, but not more than 1 year, prior to departure from old duty station.

b. A valid US Department of Agriculture (USDA) certificate of health signed by a veterinarian and notarized by a USDA Regional Office within 10 days of departure from CONUS (USDA Export Licenses).

c. There is no general quarantine period or entrance fees. If rabies and health certificates are not valid,

however, a 30 day quarantine is required and costs approximately DG 25 per day. A military veterinarian is available, but you might need to drive to another supporting unit/base. Veterinarian care is also available through the economy. NOTE: USDA Regional Offices are located in major US cities and may be found in telephone directories under US Government.

## 7. PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS (POF)

a. Personnel who reside on the economy must register weapons with local police authorities. Failure to register firearms may result in confiscation of weapons. The use of firearms in the Netherlands is uncommon because of hunting formalities, availability of shooting ranges and stringent laws governing their use.

b. Host nation policy is to absolutely minimize the import of weapons. Although there is no restriction on import quantities, the need for having a weapon must be proven to local authorities. Military installations might have restricted storage facilities for POFs, due to lack of adequate storage facilities.

c. Membership with a local (Dutch) rod and gun club is mandatory. Firearms must be fired (at least 8 times a year) at an authorized range.

d. Firearms may be shipped in HHG or UB. However, they must be clearly identified on the carrier's descriptive inventory.

### a. HAND GUNS

### b. RIFLES/SHOT GUNS

### c. TOY RELATED GUNS

### d. OTHER (i.e. AMMO, EXPLOSIVES, ETC)

## 8. PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES (POVs)

No restrictions identified.

### a. POVs (includes data on prohibited vehicles, colors, etc.)

(1) General information: Local customs permit registration of more than one POV, tax/duty free. Other than HQ JFC Brunssum eligible registration of POVs might encounter to pay more registration fees than used to in the US to license and register a POV. AAFES auto service will reduce service to light maintenance (sample: oil change, etc.) Heavy duty maintenance is no longer available through AAFES, only local economy vendors/dealers/garages. Large American vehicles can and may be operated in the Netherlands, but member may encounter challenges when parking.

(2) Eligibility for licensing: Driver must have a valid US driver's license in possession. Minimum age to drive a moped is 16 years. Minimum age to drive a motorcycle or automobile is 18 years. Special requirements are applicable for members who have no valid US driver's license in possession.

(3) Long Term Lease Vehicles: Because a leased vehicle is not registered nor owned in the member's name, import is not allowed by Netherlands customs as a tax-free vehicle. It is recommended

that the member's destination sponsor contact the Military Base Vehicle Registration Office for update information and requirements.

(4) Automobiles, Mopeds, and Motorcycles must be registered at local military authority, and a drivers license must be obtained prior to operation of the vehicle.

#### b. MOTOR CYCLES/MOPEDS

Mopeds/motorcycles can be imported in personal property shipment duty free. There is no restriction on the number of vehicles imported.

#### c. GASOLINE/CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

Unleaded gas is available, however, not in all European communities. Members no longer have to remove catalytic converters from their POV prior to shipping. However, members must have their catalytic converter systems tested annually to ensure their POVs have not been run on leaded fuel while overseas. In addition, a final test will be required 10 calendar days prior to the POV being turned in for shipment back to the Customs Territory of the United States. This requirement is to confirm the POV is in conformity with EPA Federal and Regulatory Emission Control Standards.

#### d. INSURANCE AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

(1) All vehicles must be in sound mechanical condition, have no protruding parts, and tires must have sufficient tread; i.e., automobiles may not have tread less than 1.6 millimeters.

(2) If a car is intended to be used, or could be used, to pull a trailer, it must have two outside mirrors (1 left/1 right) and a directional signal on each side of the vehicle.

(3) Vehicles equipped with tinted windows are accepted if installed by vehicle manufacturer. Vehicle windows equipped with folies-tinted windows by others than the vehicle manufacturer, the folies must be removed prior to registration.

### 9. SEXUALLY EXPLICIT/PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL

No restrictions identified.

### 10. STUFF WILD LIFE/ANIMALS AND PLANT RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions identified.

### 11. TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT

No restrictions identified.

#### a. CBS

Importation or utilization of CB radios is not prohibited. However, maximum transmittal power may not exceed 4 watt, and only on the 27MC channel.

#### b. AMATEUR/HAM RADIOS

No restrictions identified.

#### c. MARS EQUIPMENT

No restrictions identified.

d. DISH ANTENNAS

No restrictions identified.

e. CORDLESS PHONES

No restrictions identified.

12. SEPARATEES/RETIREES ENTITLEMENTS/LIMITATIONS

Retiree/separatees are not authorized US Government arranged customs clearances/duty free import of personal property or POVs into The Netherlands. Retirees/separatees are personally responsible for arranging clearance through the appropriate Dutch Customs Office.

13. OTHER

Boats:

- Prior to shipping a boat to the Netherlands, it is recommended the member contact Netherlands customs to inquire import restrictions. Furthermore, a special license must be in possession to operate a boat in the Netherlands. The operator's license has various categories and can only be obtained in the Netherlands.

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