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CDR MTMC ALEXANDRIA VA//MTPP-H//
AIG 7591
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ESC DI FIELD OFFICE M ALICE SPRINGS NT AS//TO//
CDRUSAREUR DCSLOG HEIDELBERG GE//AEAGD-TC//
CINCUSNAVEUR DET IBERLANT SUPPCMP LISBON PO
513CCW RAF MILDENHALL UK//LGTT//
4722 SPTS CFB NORTH BAY ONTARIO CAN//LGTT//
MCAS BEAUFORT SC//S4TMO//
COMNAVSUPSYSCOM MECHANICSBURG PA//05//
COGARD WASHINGTON DC//G-WPM-2/GLCL//
HQDA WASHINGTON DC//DALO-TSP-PP//
CMC WASHINGTON DC//LFT-4//
HQUSAF WASHINGTON DC//ILTT//
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CDR599THTRANSOPTML WHEELER AAF HI
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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF MOTORCYCLES/MOPEDS GREATER THAN 250CC TO
MAINLAND JAPAN AND OKINAWA

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN (GOJ) HAS IMPOSED A REQUIREMENT THAT MOTORCYCLES/MOPEDS OVER 250CC, MANUFACTURED 1 JUL 99 OR LATER, MUST COMPLY WITH GOJ BRAKE STANDARDS. IN ADDITION TO THE BRAKE TESTING REQUIREMENT, MOTORCYCLES/MOPEDS OVER 250CC, MANUFACTURED 1 APR 01 OR LATER, MUST PASS GOJ EMISSION TESTING AND MEET EMISSION CONTROL STANDARDS.
2. THE ESTIMATED MINIMUM COSTS FOR THE BRAKE TESTING IS ABOUT \$2000 AND ABOUT \$725 FOR THE EMISSION TESTING. THESE ARE SEPARATE REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECT TO MANUFACTURED DATES) AND FAILURE TO MEET COMPLIANCE STANDARDS PLACES THE OWNER IN A SITUATION TO EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS. THE ADDITIONAL COST OF MEETING GOJ'S STANDARDS IS SUBJECT TO THE VARIOUS EQUIPMENT TYPES AND MODELS AND THE DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY IN MEETING COMPLIANCE. THERE IS ONLY ONE BRAKE TESTING FACILITY (LOCATED IN TOKYO) AND THREE EMISSION FACILITIES (TWO LOCATED IN TOKYO AND ONE IN OSAKA). THERE ARE NO BRAKE OR EMISSION TESTING FACILITIES ON OKINAWA; THEREFORE, ALL MOTORCYCLES/MOPEDS FALLING INTO THE ABOVE MANUFACTURED DATES CATEGORY ARE NOT PERMITTED

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TO BE SHIPPED INTO OKINAWA.

3. MOTORCYCLES/MOPEDS MUST BE INSURED AND CANNOT BE DRIVEN TO A TESTING FACILITY, UNLESS IT HAS A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION TAG.
4. US FORCES JAPAN IS CURRENTLY COORDINATING WITH GOJ ON THE PARTICULARS OF ADDITIONAL COSTS AND REQUIREMENTS WHEN SHIPPING MOTORCYCLES/MOPEDS INTO JAPAN.
5. DUE TO THE EXTREME GOJ COMPLIANCE COSTS MEMBERS WILL INCUR, THE SHIPMENT OF MOTORCYCLES/MOPEDS INTO JAPAN IS HIGHLY DISCOURAGED. COUNSELORS SHOULD ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO PLACE THEIR MOTORCYCLES/MOPEDS INTO NONTEMPORARY STORAGE AS HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR TOUR.
6. THE PERSONAL PROPERTY CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTION GUIDE, VOLUME II, GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR JAPAN WILL BE CHANGED TO INCLUDE GOJ'S BRAKING AND EMISSION TESTING REQUIREMENTS.
7. POINTS OF CONTACT FOR THIS MESSAGE ARE [REDACTED] MTMC PERSONAL PROPERTY OFFICE-PACIFIC, AT DSN 456-3331 OR (808) 656-3331, [REDACTED] GPC REGIONAL [REDACTED] AT (808) 845-8531 [REDACTED]

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