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1. The Air Force often needs to move weapon systems, support equipment, and people across international borders, for which each nation specifies clearance requirements. To help satisfy these requirements, the Air Force must have policies for customs inspection, border clearance, and anti-smuggling programs.
2. The Air Force will do customs, border clearance, and anti-smuggling inspections and examinations according to Department of Defense (DoD) directives. It will also maintain customs accreditation at all Air Force overseas locations that process aircraft, vessels, passengers, personal property, and cargo returning to the Customs Territory of the United States.
3. The Air Force will have anti-smuggling programs which prevent transporting of prohibited or unrecorded restricted articles or smuggling of narcotics, dangerous drugs, and other contraband. These programs will apply to aircraft owned or controlled by DoD and operated within the Defense Transportation System (DTS).
4. The Air Force customs program will minimize inconvenience to passengers and crewmembers.
5. Passengers and their handcarried baggage will be processed through Air Force air terminals without examination by narcotic detector dogs (NDD). NDD may be used, however, to inspect checked baggage after it is in the DTS.
6. The following responsibilities and authorities are established:
 - 6.1. The Air Force Director of Transportation, HQ USAF/LGT, is the Air Force focal point for customs, anti-smuggling, and border clearance programs. This Director also is the point of contact for liaison with other agencies.
 - 6.2. The Air Force Director of Plans, HQ USAF/XOX, is the Air Force executive agent responsible for policy and content of the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide. In addition, this Director coordinates border clearance activities with HQ USAF/LGT and the US Customs Service.

6.3. The Air Force Chief of Security Police, HQ USAF/SP, carries out the military customs inspector (excepted) or MCI(E) program at foreign clearance bases in the continental United States (CONUS). This official also provides the people who do inspections at gateway air terminals overseas.

6.4. Directors or chiefs of transportation at oversea major commands (MAJCOM) will apply these policies within their commands and coordinate actions with theater commanders-in-chief (CINC).

6.5. Commands with foreign-clearance bases in CONUS will establish border clearance programs to ensure that an MCI(E) or agent of a Federal Inspection Service (FIS) meets every arriving aircraft.

6.6. Commands will ensure their aircraft commanders follow the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide and this policy directive.

7. DoD 5030.49-R, *Customs Inspections*, May 1977, and Change 1, explains terms and acronyms used in customs and border clearance, but four terms are especially important to understanding this directive and related measures of compliance with policy:

7.1. **Accredited Locations and Programs** are work centers approved by the theater commanders-in-chief's program manager to inspect and certify proper clearance performance.

7.2. **Military Customs Inspectors (Excepted)** are military and civilian personnel at foreign-clearance bases in the continental United States who must grant border clearances for aircraft arriving from offshore. These inspectors are selected by installation commanders and trained by local Federal Inspection Service officials.

7.3. **Federal Inspection Service Agencies** include the US Customs Service; Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; Immigration and Naturalization Service; and Public Health Service.

7.4. **Other Federal Agencies** include the Environmental Protection Agency and National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

8. This directive implements DoD Directive 4500.9, *Transportation and Traffic Management*, January 26, 1989, and Change 1; DoD 4500.54-G, *DoD Foreign Clearance Guide*, January 5, 1992; and DoD 5030.49-R.

9. Related instructions are in AFI 24-401, *Customs--Europe* (formerly AFRs 75-12 and 400-21); AFI 24-402, *Customs--Pacific* (formerly AFRs 75-12 and 400-21); AFI 24-403, *Customs--Southern* (formerly AFRs 75-12 and 400-21); and AFI 24-404, *Customs--Domestic* (formerly AFRs 75-12 and 400-21).

10. See **Attachment 1** for ways of measuring compliance with this policy.

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Attachment 1

MEASURING COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY

A1.1. HQ USAF/LGT will measure the success of this policy by collecting and analyzing information on the number of accredited programs overseas and the number of finds of restricted and prohibited articles. The MAJCOMs will collect these measurements and report them annually to HQ USAF/LGT, using the *Traffic Management Workload Reporting and Productivity System (TWRAPS)*, RCS HAF-LGT (M)8001. HQ USAF/LGTT will chart measurements annually and compare them to a baseline established in fiscal year (FY) 92 and updated every 2 years.

A1.1.1. Compare the number of accredited versus nonaccredited locations at overseas bases, with Air Force goal being a trend toward 100 percent accreditation for eligible locations (**Figure A1.1.**).

A1.1.2. Compare the number of finds of restricted and prohibited articles to the number of inspections performed on aircraft, aircrews, passengers, accompanied baggage, professional and crew equipment, household goods, unaccompanied baggage, privately owned vehicles, and cargo (the Air Force goal is zero) (**Figure A1.2.**).

Figure A1.1. Sample Metric of Accredited Programs in Oversea Areas.

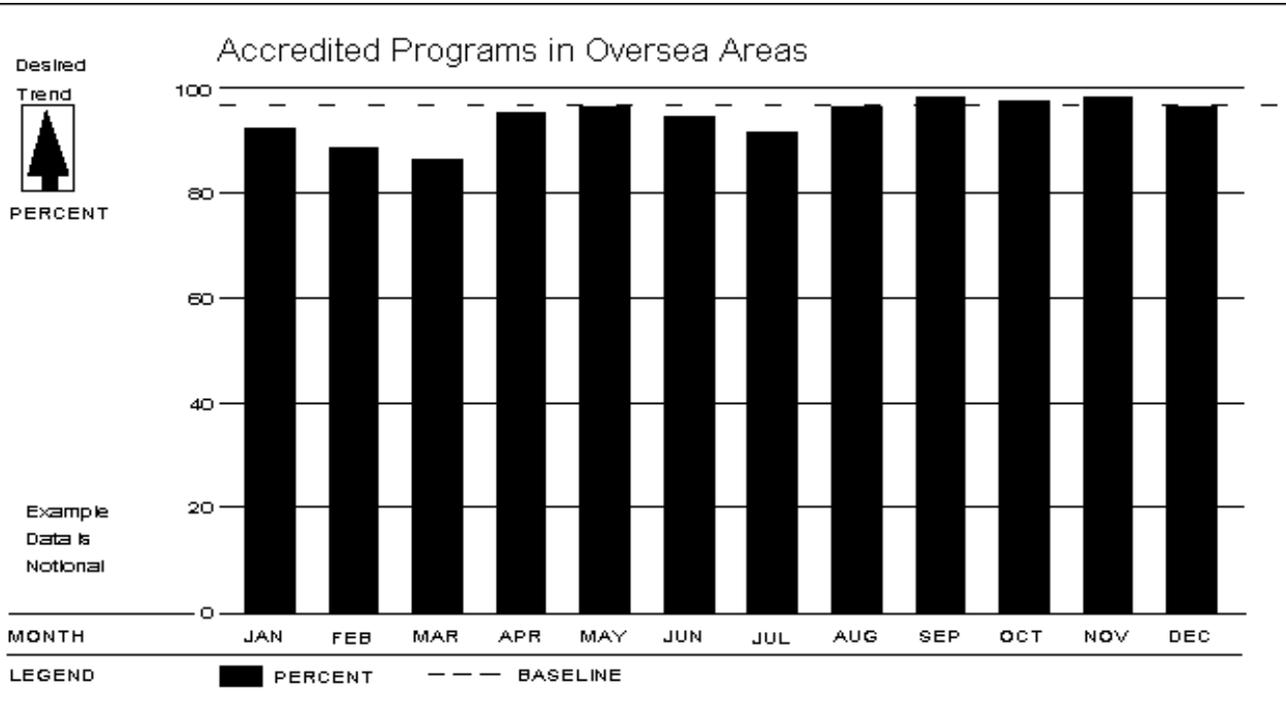


Figure A1.2. Sample Metric of Customs and Border Clearance Inspection.

