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Good afternoon ODTAs,

Please see the information below and attached from I&L regarding commercial travel to Japan, pay particular attention to the Exception to Policy (ETP) requirements.

I've asked for clarifying guidance regarding any ROM requirements for travel via Patriot Express (PE) and have been told that there may be ROM requirements on the installation when PE is used as the travel method. I have not been provided anything in writing validating that. Ultimately, if it's available, use PE so your travelers at least can go through their ROM on-base instead of at the port of entry into the country. Doing this should also reduce the cost of the ROM to your command.

R/S,
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ALL,

The attachment and following information is supplemental to what you received last week regarding this matter, and provided for clarification purposes.

BLUF: The attached bulletin is chiefly for Mainland Japan (Iwakuni and Fuji) and not Okinawa

MCIPAC Senior Leadership expects very few ETP requests from Okinawa being approved. If an ETP is approved from Okinawa, however, MCIPAC senior leadership is ok with the mandated 14 days ROM a Marine will have to complete in mainland JA; again, it is highly unlikely a Commander will approve an ETP from Okinawa. Further, the expectation is most ETP requests will be TAD in nature (Possibly FEML if that request to designate Okinawa as a FEML location is approved [which has already been favorably endorsed by both CG USFJ and INDOPACOM Commander] and which is currently making its way through J/S, Service HQ's and OSD) and virtually none anticipated for PCS.

NOTE: We have highlighted the approved changes in the attachment, which differs from the original bulletin we sent out last week (for your quick reference).

Please let us know if you have any further questions (and further disseminate as necessary). Thank you

r/Mark