



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

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MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

FROM: AETC/CC

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SUBJECT: GENERAL ORDER – Mexico Travel Restrictions

1. **PURPOSE:** To implement Department of Defense, United States Air Force, and Air Education and Training Command (AETC) restrictions on travel within Mexico due to security concerns. This General Order (GO) supersedes the previous GO – Mexico Travel Restrictions, dated 19 April 2012.
2. **AUTHORITY:** The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ); Title 10, United States Code, Sections 801 - 940; HQ USNORTHCOM Force Protection (FP) Directive 12-264; and AFNORTH FP Directive 12-027.
3. **APPLICABILITY:** Effective immediately, this GO applies to all active component personnel; to include other DoD service members assigned to AETC installations and/or units. It also applies to AETC civilian employees, AETC dependants, all other members of the reserve component and Air National Guard personnel in Title 10 status assigned or attached within AETC, and AETC contractors (as long as it does not violate any terms of the contract) when traveling in an official capacity. AETC civilian employees, AETC dependents, other members of the reserve components, and AETC contractors traveling for non-official purposes are strongly urged to abide by all travel prohibitions and advisories.
4. **PUNITIVE ORDER:** **Paragraph 5 of this GO is punitive. Failure to obey this GO by persons subject to the UCMJ is a violation of Article 92, UCMJ. Violations may result in court-martial, Article 15, or other disciplinary/administrative action. Failure to obey this GO by AETC civilian employees when traveling in an official capacity may result in adverse disciplinary action.**
5. **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:** The following activities are prohibited unless an exception is approved under paragraph 6 below:
 - a. All non-official travel to, or through, any portion of Mexico located within 50 statute miles of the U.S.-Mexico border.

b. All non-official travel to the states of Coahuila, Chihuahua, Durango, Jalisco, Michoacan, Nuevo Leon, San Luis Potosi, Sinaloa, Sonora, Tamaulipas, and Zacatecas.

c. All non-official travel to all other areas of Mexico not specifically listed in paragraphs 5.a and 5.b without approval from the first O-5 in the chain of command prior to travel.

d. If approved, personnel planning cruises that make port calls to off-limits locations are prohibited from leaving the ship while docked for the port call.

e. If approved, personnel traveling by air to a non-prohibited area where layovers take place in an off-limits location are prohibited from leaving the air terminal. If the traveler cannot remain in the air terminal, modes of travel to and from a lodging facility must be IAW AFNORTH FP Directive 12-027, para 3.C.3. No other ground travel is authorized.

f. Ground travel across the U.S.-Mexico border through a travel prohibited area to a non-prohibited area.

6. OFFICIAL AND EMERGENCY TRAVEL EXCEPTIONS: Only wing commanders or equivalents may approve official and emergency non-official travel to the prohibited areas listed in paragraph 5.a. The approval authority must request a FP assessment from AETC/A7S (aetc.afs.workflow@us.af.mil) prior to making any risk acceptance decision. AFNORTH/CC retains authority to disapprove travel if concerns with travel plans are noted and/or threat is a factor.

a. Official travel to prohibited areas is limited to mission-essential travel only. Emergency non-official travel to prohibited areas may be approved; however, personal travel for leisure or vacation travel will not be approved. Theater and country clearance are required for all active-duty military and reserve component personnel in Title 10 status.

b. Follow the procedures directed in HQ USNORTHCOM FP Directive 12-264 when submitting Aircraft and Personnel Automated Clearance System clearance requests. Disapproval or absence of approval from any clearance authority constitutes denial of authority to enter Mexico.

c. Non-official travel into a prohibited state as part of an enroute travel plan with final destination into an area not prohibited may be authorized and does not require theater and country clearance. Travel of this nature (air travel and air-ground travel) should only be approved when conditions present undue hardship on the traveler. An approved individual AT plan is required that covers travel through the prohibited area and identifies the risk mitigation measures being implemented.

d. All exceptions will be documented by completing the AFNORTH Exception to Travel Approval Form. The required form may be obtained from the Wing or AETC Antiterrorism Officers. All approved exceptions to include AT travel plan and APACS confirmation

notification will be forwarded no less than seven duty days prior to departure to AETC/A7S. Upon traveler's return, notify AETC/A7S within 72 hours.

7. TRAVEL WARNING/ADVISORY: All personnel shall adhere to the Department of State Travel Warning, 20 Nov 12, found at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_5815.html. Additional DoD Travel warnings are contained in USNORTHCOM FP Directive 12-264, para 5.

8. UNIT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY: Commanders, and military and civilian supervisors will ensure that all personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this GO. Direct questions to Mrs. Latina Isaacks at latina.isaacks.2@us.af.mil.

9. EFFECTIVE/EXPIRATION DATES: This GO is effective immediately and will remain valid until rescinded or superseded.


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