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MEMORANDUM FOR SOUTHCOM HEADQUARTERS AND SUBORDINATE UNITS

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to USSOUTHCOM to Waive 14-Day Restriction of Movement (ROM) for Unofficial Travel (Leave) to the United States

1. Reference: Under Secretary of Defense for Personal Readiness Memorandum, Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 12) – Department of Defense Guidance for Personnel Traveling During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic, August 6, 2020.
2. The above reference requires Service members traveling on unofficial travel (leave) from, or through, a country designated as Center for Disease Control (CDC) Travel Health Notice (THN) Level-3 to undergo a 14-day restriction of Movement (ROM) upon arrival in the United States. Pursuant to the authority in the reference as the relevant Geographic Combatant Commander, I hereby delegate the authority to waive this requirement to the Component and Joint Task Force Commanders and the HQs Chief of Staff for all personnel under their authority. This delegation affords the needed operational flexibility and authority to tailor guidance to local conditions and circumstances of travel while maintaining appropriate COVID mitigation measures. This delegation to waive the 14-day ROM requirement is subject to the limitations in paragraph 3 below.
3. This delegation to waive the 14-day ROM requirement for Service members traveling on unofficial travel from, or through, a country designated as CDC THN Level-3 to the United States is subject to the following limitations:
 - a. Service Members must comply with installation, CDC, state, and local guidance (which may include a ROM or similar requirement).
 - b. Service Members will self-monitor for 14-days for development of fever or symptoms of COVID-19. If travelers notice any symptoms, they are to immediately self-isolate, notify their chain of command, and seek medical attention. Even if not required by installation, CDC, State, or local guidance, Service Members should always apply sound COVID-mitigation measures, appropriate to the circumstances, such as the wearing of masks, physical distancing, and washing hands.

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4. This memorandum does not rescind ROM requirements applicable upon Service Members' return to their duty location in the USSOUTHCOM Area of Responsibility (AOR).
5. DoD civilian employees, interagency personnel, partner nation advisors, family members, and contractors are strongly encouraged to follow these procedures.
6. This policy and delegation to waive ROM requirements is subject to change as we closely monitor the COVID situation and trends.
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