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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP  
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS  
DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Authorized Departure – U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility

The Secretary of Defense has approved an Authorized Departure from the U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) area of responsibility (AOR) for DoD military and civilian dependents under combatant command (COCOM) authority, effective June 10, 2025.

DoD military and civilian dependents under COCOM authority are authorized to depart the USCENTCOM AOR. The designated safe haven for departing DoD military and civilian dependents is anywhere in the 50 United States, District of Columbia, or non-foreign areas (U.S. territories, U.S. possessions, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).

Stop Forward Movement: U.S. Government-funded travel to the USCENTCOM AOR for DoD military and civilian dependents is suspended. The Stop Forward Movement Order will remain in effect until terminated by me.

Dependents of DoD Service members will be processed for safe haven allowances in accordance with the Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), Chapter 6 (Evacuation Travel), section 0602. Dependents of DoD civilian employees will be processed for allowances in accordance with the JTR, Chapter 6, section 0604.

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