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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: AD – 007-22 Clarify Cost-of-Living Allowance outside the Continental U.S.
(OCONUS COLA) Entitlement for Deferred Travel

1. Synopsis: DoD Financial Management Regulation (FMR), Volume 7A, Chapter 68, par. 2.3.1.3, currently indicates deferred (non-concurrent) travel of dependents may be based solely on housing availability, and does not take into account other reasons caused by the Government that may cause dependent travel to be deferred. This memo clarifies that deferred travel of dependents may be based on other reasons than housing availability for OCONUS COLA. For example, delays in obtaining a passport or Visa from the host nation, foreign area clearance delays, and stop-movement orders may also require the Government to defer travel of dependents. This change is aligned with the DoD FMR language, as it pertains to OCONUS COLA, outlined in the Director, Military Compensation Policy memorandum, 'Clarification of Existing Policy – Family Separation Basic Allowance for Housing' of 14 August 2020'.
2. This revision is forwarded for information purposes. No coordination is required.
3. Army G1 initiated this revision.
4. This change affects DoD FMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 68, par. 2.3.1.3.
5. This revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next publication of the DoD FMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 68.
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Approved DoD FMR Changes

DoD FMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 68, para. 2.3.1.3:

2.3.1.3. Deferred Travel. When dependent travel to the new PDS OCONUS is deferred ~~pending housing availability~~, COLA at the old PDS OCONUS or designated place continues until the dependents depart or for 60 days after dependent travel to the new PDS is authorized. The Secretarial Process may extend the 60-day period (see Chapter 26, paragraph ~~10.6261006~~); or

2.3.1.4. *****