

14 FAH-4 H-530 POUCH CONTENTS

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(Office of Origin: A/LM/PMP/DPM)

14 FAH-4 H-531 PROHIBITED MATERIALS

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- a. Pouches may not contain items that are illegal to import into the receiving country, export from the sending country, or items that are classified as hazardous.
- b. The following items are prohibited for pouch dispatch:
 - (1) Aerosols;
 - (2) Alcoholic beverages;
 - (3) Ammunition;
 - (4) Animals, endangered species products;
 - (5) Any items for resale;
 - (6) Bulk supplies
 - (7) Controlled or illegal substances to be used without a prescription;
 - (8) Corrosives;
 - (9) Currency (cash);
 - (10) Explosives;
 - (11) Firearms;
 - (12) Flammable type films;
 - (13) Glass containers;
 - (14) Incendiary materials such as road flares, cigarette lighters, self starting charcoal, etc.;

- (15) Liquids other than medically related;
- (16) Magnetic materials such as powerful magnets that can damage computer software and other electrical equipment;
- (17) Narcotics;
- (18) Personal professional books and materials intended to be used for a private business; this does not include professional books and material received from attending FSI or similar type training courses;
- (19) Plants;
- (20) Poisons; and
- (21) Radioactive substances.

14 FAH-4 H-531.1 Violations

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- a. Employees who violate the provisions of 14 FAH-4 H-531 are subject to loss of pouch privileges and/or disciplinary action.
- b. Personnel at posts must advise A/LM/PMP/DPM by telegram of pouch violations when they occur. Include name of individual, organization, parent organization in Washington, DC, registry numbers, classification and a description of the item(s).
- c. Any employee who has knowledge of serious pouch violations must advise OIG/INV in writing, with a copy to A/LM/PMP/DPM. Examples of serious violations include:
 - (1) Shipping ammunition, explosives, firearms, and narcotics of any quantities; and
 - (2) Shipping large quantities of any prohibited materials, as specified in 14 FAH-4 H-531 .

14 FAH-4 H-531.2 Parcels Containing Prohibited Material

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- a. If parcels have postage and a valid return address, they are returned to

sender via the method received (UPS, USPS, etc.). A telegram will be sent to post informing the addressee that the parcel was rejected and returned to sender.

- b. Parcels addressed to and from the same person and the same address cannot be returned or forwarded. A telegram will be sent to the post requesting the addressee to make arrangements to have the parcel removed from the unclassified pouch and mail facility, SA-32, located at Sterling, Virginia within ten (10) working days from date of the telegram. If the parcel is not removed within this period, it will be destroyed.

14 FAH-4 H-532 CONTENTS DISCLOSURE

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The following applies to all Diplomatic Postal Service (DPS) users.

- (1) Do not disclose or discuss pouch contents, regardless of nature or classification, with any person except Government employees with proper security clearance and a need to know.
- (2) Never disclose or discuss pouch contents with foreign officials.

14 FAH-4 H-533 CONTENTS CLASSIFICATION

(TL:DPM-4; 01-30-1998)

Communications originated by any U.S. Government agency or Foreign Service post concerning material to be dispatched by pouch must be classified according to the following criteria:

- (1) Communications may be designated UNCLASSIFIED when pouch contents are discussed in a general way (e.g., by registry number or by referring only to "items" or "material").
- (2) Communications must be at least SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED when they specifically identify items being sent (e.g., "passports," "Ambassador Smith's letter of July 6") by pouch and transportation channel.

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