

**General Instruction**  
**NORWAY (NO)**

**PPCIG-OL**

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## 1. SHIPMENT INSTRUCTIONS

### OTHER:

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: This is an OTO area. Ship HHG via Code 4.

(1) Housing: No Government quarters available. All members reside off-base.

(2) Appliances/Furniture: Electric current is 220v. Government owned washers and dryers are available. Most Norwegian rental homes are equipped with washers/dryers, stoves, and refrigerators. Furniture support is limited to temporary basis pending receipt of household goods.

### a. WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Full JFTR is authorized for accompanied and unaccompanied tour (NOTE: See import restriction below).

### b. CONTAINER/CRATING REQUIREMENTS

No restrictions identified.

### c. HARD LIFT AREA

No restrictions identified.

### d. UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE

This is an OTO area. Ship via Code 8.

## 2. CUSTOMS CLEARANCE PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND RESTRICTIONS

a. Personnel assigned to Norway on active duty are authorized to import two shipments of HHG plus one shipment of UB duty free. All property brought into the country, must be cleared through Norwegian customs before delivery and is subject to Norwegian import regulations. Customs clearance for authorized shipments is effected on NATO Customs forms initiated by the destination TMO. Direct delivery is not authorized due to customs clearance requirements. (CH)

b. FOR OSLO: Embassy and the rest of Norway. (CH)

(1) To facilitate prompt customs clearance in Norway, a copy of the commercial bill of lading must be mailed in advance of shipment to American Embassy, ATTN: GSO Shipping, PSC 69 BOX 1000, APO AE 09707. If the commercial bill of lading is not available, then a copy of the ITGBL must be mailed. This is required for the customs clearance in Norway prior to receipt of shipments. POVs should be in sea containers.

(2) The American Embassy, Oslo, Norway, is responsible for all geographically separated units (GSU) in Norway.

(3) For members assigned to NATO or their US support elements in the Stavanger City, JAATTA, and Sola Areas consign to TMO, 426 ABS/LGTT, Stavanger City, Norway.

(4) Code 4 shipments delivered 30 miles beyond the radius of Oslo, Norway, must have specific destination (not Oslo) indicated on the ITGBL. Delivery of property outside the Oslo area is costly unless specified destination is indicated in the consignee block of the ITGBL (block 18).

c. FOR STAVANGER CITY: ONLY. (CH)

(1) For members assigned to NATO or their US support elements in the Stavanger City, JATTA, and Sola Areas consign to TMO, 426 ABS/LGTT, Stavanger City, Norway.

(2) To facilitate prompt customs clearance in Norway a copy of the commercial bill of lading (CBL)/ DD Form 1299 must be mailed in advance of shipment to Traffic Management Officer, 426 ABS/LGTT, APO AE 09706-6615. If the CBL is not available, then a copy of the ITGBL must be mailed. POV ports must book POV's destined to Stavanger/JATTA to the final destination Port-JA5. POV's destined to Oslo must be booked to the final destination port-JA1. (CH)

(3) The 426 ABS Transportation Office is only responsible for US NATO personnel and the US support element assigned to the Stavanger City, JATTA, and Sola areas.

### 3. CONSUMABLES

No restrictions identified.

#### a. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Importation of alcoholic beverages in either HHG or UB is prohibited.

#### b. CIGARETTES/TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Importation of cigarettes/tobacco products in either HHG or UB shipment is prohibited. Items are considered restricted and must be hand carried. Traveler over the age of 18 can import 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of tobacco products.

#### c. COSMETICS

No restrictions identified.

#### d. FOOD STUFFS AND MEATS

Shipment and importation of dried foods is allowed into Norway; however, shipment/importation of agricultural products in either HHGs or UB shipment is prohibited.

#### e. MEDICATION (NARCOTICS)/PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

Importation of narcotics and pharmaceutical products in either HHGs or UB shipments is prohibited. Prescription medication must be hand carried.

### 4. ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

No restrictions identified.

#### a. HOME COMPUTERS

No restrictions identified.

#### b. TVs/VCRs

American televisions are usually not compatible with Norwegian (PAL) transmission system.

#### c. OTHER (i.e. COMPATIBILITY, ETC)

Electric current is 220 volts.

### 5. FURNITURE, OVERSIZED

No restrictions identified.

### 6. PETS/QUARANTINE

Contact destination TMO 426 ABS for pet importation regulations and forms. There are different requirements depending on country of origin. If Norwegian regulations are followed there are no requirements for quarantine. If your pet is not in compliance with host nation importation requirements upon arrival, the animal will be quarantined for up to six (6) months at a significant cost to the member. (CH)

### 7. PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS (POF)

Norwegian weapons law requires that authorization must be obtained from the Host Nation Police Force in order to import weapons into Norway. If necessary import permission is not obtained before HHG/UB shipment is consigned, the weapons will be confiscated on entry into Norway. HHG will then be subject to delivery delays. Sporting guns are allowed, but the importation of all Martial Arts weapons is forbidden as is the importation of some shotguns.

New weapon storage regulations in force. All weapons must be stored in an approved Norwegian certified cabinet. This must be fitted/secured as per the Norwegian regulation at residence. No storage facilities on base. Contact destination TMO to obtain weapons pre-clearance forms.

#### a. HAND GUNS

Hand guns cannot be imported on a "Personal Protection Basis". Weapon(s) must be stored at residence in an approved Norwegian locker.

#### b. RIFLES/SHOT GUNS

Some shotguns are forbidden. Weapons must be modified to fire steel or tungsten rounds. Lead shot is "Prohibited" in Norway. Weapon(s) must be stored at residence in an approved Norwegian locker.

#### c. TOY RELATED GUNS

None.

#### d. OTHER (i.e. AMMO, EXPLOSIVES, ETC)

Importation of ammunition and explosives in either HHGS or UB shipments is prohibited. Ammunition is purchased off base and is expensive. Lead shot cannot be purchased in Norway, steel and tungsten only. No storage facilities on base. If you wish to use your weapon, you must hold a Norwegian license. (Test and study guide available in Norwegian).

### 8. PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES (POVs)

No restrictions identified.

#### a. POVs (includes data on prohibited vehicles, colors, etc.)

One POV for unaccompanied military/DOD civilian and a second POV for dependants of accompanied military/DOD civilians may be imported duty free. Shipment of one POV is at Government expense under JFTR/JTR; shipping cost of a second POV is at the member's expense. (CH)

(1) Vehicle stateside registration does not have to be valid upon arrival in country for personnel assigned to Norway for more than 1 year. Current state registration can expire while POV is in-transit. POVs cannot be driven from port with American license plates. Temporary Norwegian plates should be obtained by the member. Personnel assigned to Norway for 1 year or less may drive with American license plates in a tourist status. Current stateside registration must be valid upon arrival in country in this case.

(2) Personnel who have pickup trucks designed for carrying passengers in the bed area should contact destination TMO prior to shipment. Norwegian safety laws prohibit passenger seats in the bed area of certain pickup trucks based on the vehicle configuration.

(3) Driver's License: US personnel assigned to units in support of NATO in Norway and their dependents 18 years of age and older are authorized to operate a POV with a valid operator's license issued by any US State, a valid Norwegian operator's license or a valid international driver's license.

(4) Please contact destination TMO before shipping any vehicle that has been altered in any way, i.e. lift/lowering kits. You might experience some difficulty getting altered POV's registered on arrival.

#### b. MOTOR CYCLES/MOPEDS

1. In addition to the POV entitlement, a military/DoD civilian may import one moped or motorcycle duty-free provided it is shipped in their household goods, into Norway for customs purposes. All personnel who wish to ride a motorcycle while stationed in Stavanger must comply with all state laws for receiving and maintaining their motorcycle license and endorsement(s), Air Force and Service specific Instructions and local host nation traffic and safety laws.

2. There are no Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) courses available in this location. If you wish to ride your motorcycle, you first must obtain all training requirements prior to arrival in Stavanger (MSF Basic Rider's Course and 3-year refresher).

For more detailed information, ask your sponsor to contact the Unit Motorcycle Safety Representative.

#### c. GASOLINE/CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

No restrictions identified.

#### d. INSURANCE AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Norwegian Third Party Liability Insurance is a requirement in addition to your insurance upon registration of your POV/Motorcycle. Contact 426 ABS TMO for more information. A safety inspection is part of the initial vehicle registration process in Norway. The following requirements for POV registration are: (CH)

- (1) Fitted vehicle lights must be in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.
- (2) Interior rear view mirror and outside mirrors on each side.
- (3) Emergency flasher lights.
- (4) Front Seat Belts three point.
- (5) Dual breaking system.
- (6) Laminated windshield.
- (7) Two speed windshield wipers.
- (8) Windshield washers.

(9) Emergency warning triangle, High Visibility Vest with manufacturer's code CE EN 47 or EN 1150.

(10) Tires: Tread depth on summer tires must be at least 1.6mm and 3mm on winter tires. Winter tires are optional and all weather tires may be used.

(11) Vehicle identification number (VIN): The VIN must be permanently marked/engraved on the frame of the vehicle in the engine compartment. (CH)

(12) Tinted Windows: factory spec glass only authorized tinting. Tinted film products of any kind are prohibited.

## 9. SEXUALLY EXPLICIT/PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL

Importation of child pornography is prohibited.

## 10. STUFF WILD LIFE/ANIMALS AND PLANT RESTRICTIONS

Importation of plants, animals and stuff wild life in either HHGs and UB shipment is prohibited.

## 11. TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT

No restrictions identified.

### a. CBS

Importation or utilization of CB radios is prohibited.

### b. AMATEUR/HAM RADIOS

Importation of Amateur/Ham radios is prohibited.

### c. MARS EQUIPMENT

If military duties require the use of MARS equipment, approval must be obtained by the customs authorities for importation into Norway.

### d. DISH ANTENNAS

No restrictions identified.

### e. CORDLESS PHONES

No restrictions identified.

## 12. SEPARATEES/RETIRES ENTITLEMENTS/LIMITATIONS

Personnel contemplating retirement, separation or relocating dependents to Norway should be counseled that all customs entry requirements to include payment of duties and taxes remain the responsibility of the member and is a personal matter between the member and the Government of Norway. Individuals not assigned to duty in Norway must clear customs directly with the local customs office prior to arranging delivery of property.

**13. OTHER**

a. BOATS: US service members may import one boat free of customs and duties provided the service member has owned and used the boat outside of Norway for a minimum of 6 months prior to taking up duties in Norway.

b. STORAGE:

(1) For Oslo: Personal property must not be stored at origin. This creates a hardship for members who establish quarters--having to wait the duration of the transit personal property will be shipped directly to Oslo and stored in the local area.

(2) For Stavanger City: Personal property must not be stored at origin. This creates a hardship for members who establish quarters having to wait the duration of transit time before they can occupy quarters. Personal Property will be shipped directly to Stavanger and stored in the local area.

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