



# Privately Owned Firearms (POFs)

## Can Firearms Be Shipped With Household Goods?

You may transport firearms as part of your HHG shipment, assuming it complies with all current international, federal, and state laws.

Firearms may not be shipped in Unaccompanied Baggage.

## General Firearm Shipping Instructions

- Make the firearms inoperable by removing the bolt, firing pin, trigger assembly, and other arming parts.
- Remove all ammunition from your firearms.
  - **Shipment and storage of ammunition is prohibited.**
- Ensure the descriptive and High-Value inventories include the following information: make, model, serial number, unique characteristics, caliber or gauge.
  - Any POFs manufactured after 1968 without a serial number are prohibited from shipping or storage.

## CONUS Firearm Instructions

- If you intend to drive with a POF, ensure you review all state laws enroute to your new duty station. [State Laws and Published Ordinances - Firearms \(35th Edition\) | Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives \(atf.gov\)](#).

## OCONUS Firearm Instructions (including Alaska and Hawaii)

- You may transport firearms as part of your HHG, assuming the firearm and documentation abide by all the laws of your new state/host country. [United States Transportation Command \(ustranscom.mil\)](#)
- Customers may also contact their local Government Travel Office for more information.
- When returning to the CONUS, you must identify firearms on your individual customs form and obtain approved ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms) Form 6, Pt. 1 (Application and Permit for Import of Firearms). This process can take up to six weeks, so plan accordingly.

## Gun Safes

- Service Members are authorized up to a 500 lb. non-chargeable weight allowance for empty gun safes.
- DoD civilians may ship gun safes; however, the weight is chargeable to the maximum weight allowance.
- Ensure the weight of the gun safe is annotated separately on the descriptive inventory.
- Do not ship or store a gun in a locked container/safe due to inspection requirements at ports, customs, border control, storage locations, etc.