

## e-Blast January 31, 2011

from the desk of Terry Head, President

### Important Notice Regarding Air/Sea Cargo Status in Egypt

Following is information IAM has gathered from U.S. Government, U.S. Military, and Commercial Industry sources. We recommend that you contact your clients, steamship lines, air carriers, and agents in Egypt to determine whether is possible, or prudent, to move traffic at this time.

**IAM will update you on the situation in Egypt as more information becomes available.**

From U.S. Government: Sources within the Transportation Division at the U.S. State Department have advised IAM that effective today, the U.S. State Department is freezing all personal effects shipments to Egypt until further notice. U.S. Embassy employees and their families are being evacuated from the country.

From A.P Moller - Maersk: Given the ongoing political protests in Egypt, port operations across Egypt have been suspended. All A.P Moller - Maersk offices in Egypt are closed as well. Contrary to some reports, the Suez Canal is reported operational and ships are transiting through the canal. We continue to monitor the canal situation closely and will communicate any changes to the current status as we are made aware. Please be aware that this situation is extremely fluid. We will continue to communicate updates to the operational situation as we receive them.

From U.S. Department of Defense:

Subject: Egypt Personal Property Advisory Message

1. Due to U.S. State Department evacuation of all U.S. personnel from Egypt, personal property shipments scheduled to Egypt will be processed in the following manner.
2. PPSO should immediately contact member and determine if their assignment to Egypt is cancelled or delayed.
3. HHG shipments to Egypt are processed under the special solicitation program. Below are the appropriate handling procedures:
  - a. Shipments enroute to Egypt that departed the origin PPSO AOR and are enroute or at the port of embarkation will be diverted to SIT at the nearest DOD approved facility until further disposition instructions.
  - b. For shipments booked and not picked up, PPSO should pull back and cancel shipment until receiving further disposition instructions.

c. For shipments booked, not picked up, and movement is still required, the origin PPSO will prepare the bill of lading to pick up the shipment and place into origin SIT until receiving further disposition instructions.

4. All PPSOs are advised that until Egypt is operational, TSP/agents are required to keep PPSOs and HQ SDDC updated on the status of affected shipments. PPSO should continually monitor any shipments put into SIT. TSPs must contact the responsible PPSO for any shipment that remains in their warehouse longer than 90 days.

5. Transportation Service Providers are required to comply with the DTR Part IV, CH 410 Para D. The DTR outlines proper actions TSPs should take during unusual occurrences.

6. Updates will be issued as the situation changes. POC for this action is the operations team, AMSSD-PPP-PO, COMM: 618-220-5484/5409/5998 or sddc.safb.pops@us.army.mil