

## **FUNDED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

**Mission:** The Funded Transportation program is conducted under the authority available for humanitarian assistance - title 10 U.S.C., section 2561. This section provides DoD the authority to transport humanitarian assistance material and conduct other humanitarian assistance worldwide. The funded transportation program permits transportation of cargo and DoD non-lethal excess property worldwide for non-governmental/international organizations (NGO/IO). This authority provides for the actual cost of transportation and the payment of any associated administrative costs incurred.

While the statutory authority permits transportation via any mode and for any cargo that could be defined as humanitarian, the Interagency has established policy that imposes limits on the program due to the austere level of funding available. These policies are: (1) transport is limited only to surface modes (much less expensive than air); (2) the cargo is limited only to that which addresses basic humanitarian needs (e.g., medical, food, shelter, clothing); and, (3) the minimum cargo needed to use the program is one 20 foot shipping container, or 1100 cubic feet. Funded airlift is reserved only for emergency situations.

**DSCA Responsibilities:** When the State Department approves an application from an interested NGO/IO requesting transportation of humanitarian supplies it forwards the request to DSCA for action. In circumstances where DSCA or other DoD organizations are the first entry point for requests, the applicant is advised to formally submit the application to the State Department for processing. An INTERNET site: [www.dentonfunded.com](http://www.dentonfunded.com) is established to assist requesting organizations.

**HA/MA Responsibilities:** The HA/MA staff works with the donor, State-PM/ISP & PM, and a DoD contractor to facilitate the application process. Once the application is approved, DSCA's contractor arranges all inspection and transportation requirements, tracks the shipment to its final destination and provides HAMA weekly updates on all shipments. HA/MA certifies invoices for payment of transportation costs.

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