



# FOREIGN AFFAIRS MANUAL

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### 6 FAM 120

## AUTHORIZATION AND PROCUREMENT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED ITEMS

### MAJOR CHANGES

1. **6 FAM 126.9, Newly Acquired Family Member:** Employees assigned to a post who acquire a family member subsequent to the issuance of assignment travel orders may be authorized travel expenses for that family member from either place of acquisition or residence (proof in either case is required).

2. **6 FAM 125 Exhibit 125.21-2, Form OF-144, Temporary Duty (TDY) Official Travel Authorization:** The old version of this form has been replaced with the current version of this form.

3. **6 FAM 128 Exhibits 128.4-11A and B, Forms DS-2076, Purchase Order, Receiving Report and Voucher, and DS-2077, Purchase Order, Receiving Report and Voucher (Continuation Sheet):** These exhibits replace 6 FAM 128 Exhibit 128.4-11 containing obsolete Forms OF-206 and OF-206A with current Forms DS-2076 and DS-2077.

4. Legal authority and additional reference materials can be found at the following web sites:

- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)—  
<http://frwebgate.access.gov/egi-bin/get-cfr>;
- 5 United States Code (U.S.C.)—  
<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode>; and
- Office of Personnel Management—  
<http://www.opm.gov>.

5. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. Other than formal titles, the italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.

6. Under the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105-277, the functions of the U.S. Information Agency related to International Broadcasting are transferred to the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Accordingly, all provisions of the FAM previously applicable to USIA continue in effect with respect to the BBG until further notice.

7. Officers are reminded that Department-issued materials not codified in the *Foreign Affairs Manual* or its supplemental *Foreign Affairs Handbook* series generally have no regulatory validity (see 2 FAM 1115.2).

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