

12 FAM 130 POUCH CONTROL BREACHES

12 FAM 131 APPLICABILITY

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The provisions of this subchapter apply whenever cleared U.S. citizen control of a pouch as described in subchapter 12 FAM 120 is interrupted for any period of time making outside access to its contents a possibility. Examples include missing or lost pouches, and other circumstances impeding the courier and/or escort from maintaining a security watch over the pouches.

12 FAM 132 REPORTING

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a. When a pouch-out-of-control incident occurs, the courier must immediately report details of the incident both to the regional security officer (RSO), or post security officer (PSO), and to the information programs officer (IPO) at the closest post. The courier, in conjunction with the RSO/PSO and the IPO, will notify the regional diplomatic courier office (RDCCO). PSOs will notify post's respective RSO.

b. When notified about a pouch-out-of-control, the RSO or PSO must send a NIACT immediate telegram containing details of the incident to the originating post's IPO, the Department (A/IM/SO/FO/DPM, DS/IST/ISP, and DS/CIS/DC), and the posts to which the courier traveled with the pouch. The RSO will also provide an opinion regarding the likelihood of compromise and possible counterintelligence implications.

c. The post's IPO determines all originators of pouch contents, including other agencies, and informs them of the possible compromise.

12 FAM 133 INVESTIGATIONS

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DS/DSS/ICI will assign a pouch-out-of-control or lost pouch incident to Counterintelligence and Special Investigations (DS/ICI/CAS) for review. DS/CIS/DC and the RSO will provide DS/ICI/CAS with all necessary data to establish the facts and to determine if an employee error occurred. DS/ICI/CAS may work independently or in conjunction with the RSO at the post. The DS/CIS/DC Director, or the Director's designated representative, may restrict a professional courier from any further travel, or request that post cancel a non-professional courier letter, based on the seriousness of the inci-

dent. The Director or the representative makes this decision on a case-by-case basis. (See 3 FAM .)

12 FAM 134 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

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a. A pouch-out-of-control incident may result in a security violation. Since a courier's principal responsibility is to provide for the secure transportation of classified material, any such violation may be regarded as a serious breach of security.

b. Security violations concerning couriers will be dealt with in accordance with section 12 FAM 1059.3-3 . Any disciplinary action taken must be in accordance with section 12 FAM 1059.7 .

c. Should the seriousness of the violation warrant such action, the official proposing disciplinary action may rely on the provision of section 12 FAM 1059.7-1 , paragraph g, which states that the Bureau of Diplomatic Security reserves the right to recommend disciplinary action at any time.

12 FAM 135 THROUGH 139 UNASSIGNED

