

## PART 538—MILITARY PAYMENT CERTIFICATES

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### § 538.1 Definitions.

(a) *United States dollar instruments.* For the purpose of this section, United States dollar instruments include the following:

(1) United States Treasury checks (standard dollar checks) drawn on the Treasurer of the United States by authorized finance and accounting officers.

(2) Travelers' checks issued by the American Express Company; Bank of America, National Trust and Savings Association; Mellon National Bank and Trust Company; Citibank of New York; Thomas Cook and Son (Bankers) Ltd.; and the First National Bank of Chicago, when expressed in United States dollars.

(3) United States military disbursing officers' payment orders.

(4) American Express Company money orders, when expressed in United States dollars, and United States postal money orders.

(5) Telegraphic money orders, when expressed in United States dollars.

(b) *Military Payment Certificate (MPC).* The military payment certificate is an instrument, denominated in U.S. dollars and fractions thereof, that may be used as the official medium of exchange in U.S. military establishments located in overseas areas when such areas are designated as "Military Payment Certificate Areas."

(c) *Authorized Personnel.* As used herein, the term "authorized personnel" means all individuals authorized to purchase goods, supplies and services from U.S. Government spon-

sored and controlled facilities located and operated in an MPC area.

### § 538.2 Use of military payment certificates.

(a) *Areas in which used.* Military payment certificates are to be used only in the Department of Defense by authorized personnel in designated MPC areas. A Military Payment Certificate Area is a particular foreign country(s), or a specific area within a foreign country, that has been officially authorized for designation as an MPC area.

(b) *Disbursement of military payment certificates.* Military payment certificates will be disbursed to authorized personnel for all items of pay and allowances and for all other authorized payments to individuals in and under the Department of Defense.

(c) *Facilities in which used.* Military payment certificates are the only authorized medium of exchange in the following facilities:

(1) Army, Navy, and Air Force sales and services installations and activities.

(2) Theaters and other entertainment facilities operated by Department of Defense.

(3) Officers' and enlisted personnel messes and clubs, including American Red Cross installations.

(4) Army, Navy, and Air Force postal installations for purchase of postal money orders and stamps, and cashing of postal money orders.

(5) Contribution to all authorized charitable appeals, church collections, and chaplain's funds when remittance is to be forwarded to the United States through Department of Defense channels.

(6) Payments to all travel agencies, radio, cable, telegraph, and telephone companies, and all other similar facilities when remittance is to be forwarded to the United States through Department of Defense channels.

(7) All other official agencies, quasi-official and private agencies of or working in behalf of United States Army Forces providing goods, services, and facilities to members of the United States Armed Forces.