

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-24-07

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS  
ALL QUALITY CONTROL COORDINATORS  
ALL CaWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- State Law Change  
 Federal Law or Regulation Change  
 Court Order  
 Clarification Requested by One or More Counties  
 Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: IDENTIFYING COMBAT ZONES DUE TO DEPLOYMENT OF  
MILITARY PERSONNEL TO A COMBAT ZONE

REFERENCE: CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005, PUBLIC LAW  
(P.L.) 108-447 AND ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 05-04

This letter is to inform counties about updated information received from Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) as an Administrative Notice (AN) memorandum regarding identification of combat zones for the purpose of excluding some military income in the Food Stamp Program (FSP) as mandated by Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, Public Law (P.L.) 108-447, signed into law by the President on December 8, 2004 which impacts existing FSP policy by providing authority to exempt a portion of military pay made available to the household if that portion of military pay is received as a result of military personnel being deployed to a combat zone. Implementation instructions to counties were released in All County Letter (ACL) 05-04 for excluding military income received by military personnel in a designated combat zone.

The updated listing of combat zones is attached. All the other areas remain unchanged from the listing attached to ACL 05-04 except for the following:

- Somalia is added effective Jan. 1, 2004.
- Ending date for Turkey is added.
- Ending date for the Incirlik Air Base, Turkey is added.

Counties are reminded to continue to refer to ACL 05-04 for specific instructions on the treatment of military pay received by military personnel deployed to designated combat zones.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Rosie Avena of my staff at (916) 654-1514.

Sincerely,

**Original Document Signed By:**

RIGHTON YEE, Chief  
Food Stamp Branch

Attachment

# **ATTACHMENT I**

## **Combat Zone – Exclusion Areas**

Combat Zones are designated by an Executive Order from the President as areas in which the U.S. Armed Forces are engaging or have engaged in combat. There are currently three such combat zones (including the airspace above each):

- Arabian Peninsula Areas – the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, the part of the Arabian Sea north 10 degrees North latitude and west of 68 degrees East longitude, the Gulf of Aden, and the countries of Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates - Jan. 17, 1991.
- Kosovo area -- Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), Albania, the Adriatic Sea and the Ionian Sea north of the 39<sup>th</sup> Parallel - Mar. 24, 1999.
- Afghanistan - Sept. 19, 2001.

Public Law 104-117 designates three parts of the former Yugoslavia as a Qualified Hazardous Duty Area, to be treated as if it were a combat zone:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Macedonia – Nov. 21, 1995.

In addition, the Department of Defense has certified the following locations as combat zones due to their direct support of military operations, beginning on the listed dates:

In support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan combat zone):

- Pakistan, Tajikistan and Jordan – Sept. 19, 2001
- Incirlik Air Base, Turkey – Sept. 21, 2001 through Dec. 31, 2005
- Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan – Oct. 1, 2001
- Philippines (only troops with orders referencing Operation Enduring Freedom) – Jan 9, 2002
- Yemen – Apr. 10, 2002
- Djibouti – July 1, 2002
- Somalia – Jan. 1, 2004

In support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (Arabian Peninsula Areas combat zone):

- Turkey – Jan. 1, 2003 through Dec. 31, 2005
- Israel – Jan. 1, 2003
- The Mediterranean Sea – Mar. 19 through July 31, 2003
- Jordan – Mar. 19, 2003
- Egypt – Mar. 19 through Apr. 20, 2003