

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Customer and Carrier Advisory

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Subject: Utilization of Special Priority Code "P" for Purple Sheet Cargo

Purpose: To notify shippers not to utilize Special Priority Code P for any cargo entering the DTS. This code is utilized by AMC aerial ports to identify cargo upgraded to Purple Sheet.

Be Advised: IAW DTR, Part II, Chapter 203, Table 203-5, Special Priority Code "P" identifies cargo upgraded to Purple Sheet. Since cargo entry to Purple Sheet will always occur once in possession of the aerial port, shippers/transportation offices (TOs) will never have a reason to utilize this code.

Past DTR guidance utilized Special Priority Code "P" for explosives, however, since there are other means to identify explosives, determination was made to delete definition for explosives and replace with Purple Sheet. Aerial ports are still receiving cargo, specifically explosives/weapons identified with Special Priority code "P".

Definition of Purple Sheet: IAW DTR, Part II, Chapter 203, "Purple Sheet (PS) is a Combatant Command (CCMD) request to identify a specific cargo shipment for movement precedence over all other cargo currently within the AMC channel system designated for the requesting CCMD."

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