d. Firearms shall be placed in the number 1 external shipping container positioned so that they are readily accessible for examination by customs when required. The container will be closed at the member’s residence.

9006. Shipment by AMC.

a. Policies and procedures for the transport of firearms by AMC aircraft are outlined in AMC Manual 76-1.

b. Unless restricted by foreign governments, members may carry unloaded, unprohibited firearms in stowed baggage upon declaration of those firearms to AMC passenger service personnel.

c. Firearms accepted for transport shall be cleared of all ammunition and placed in stowed baggage or in the custody of the aircraft commander’s representative during the flight.

d. Individual firearms may be transported as stowed baggage when encased in a suitable gun container and documented as part of the passenger’s authorized baggage allowance.

9007. Shipment through the US Postal Service.

a. The US Postal Service may be used as an alternate method of shipment of handguns and other firearms when offered as an official shipment between personal property shipping offices (PPSOS).

b. Registered mail is required for these shipments.

c. Consignment Guide instructions apply.

d. Include with the weapons, an approved ATF Form 6, Part II, and ATF Form 6A, if required, under the provisions of DOD 5030. 49R, Customs Inspections Regulation for those shipments entering the continental United States (CONUS). Additionally, a PS Form 2966-A, Parcel Post Customs Declaration, must be prepared and affixed to the parcel. The PS Form 2966-A should be redlined unless the shipment complies with US Customs certification procedures, i.e., acceptable proof of prior ownership in the United States, the three-firearm limitation exception or whether firearm is subject to duty.

e. Mailings from an APO or FPO cannot exceed 70 pounds in weight and 100 inches in length and girth combined. Mailings from the 48 contiguous states cannot exceed 15 pounds in weight and not more than 60 inches in length and girth combined.

f. Due to complications that may arise with this method of shipment, PPSOS must limit use of this service to those situations where the member has departed the area and the ship-rent could not otherwise be handled through
normal shipping methods. Problems which may occur are: lack of adequate storage capability at the destination PPSOs, inability to effect tracer action until 60 days after shipment was made, and postal service liability rules.

9008. Reporting Discrepancies. Carriers, PPSOS, and members discovering theft, attempted theft, or nonreceipt of firearms shall report the incident immediately to their activity commander and by message to HQMIC, ATIN: MTOP-O and MTOP-OEC. This report shall contain the origin and destination of the shipment; the member's name, rank, and military service; a description and serial number of the firearm; law enforcement agencies notified; and all other information concerning the incident. DOD components shall establish procedures to ensure appropriate information is submitted through provost marshal or security officer channels to the National Crime Information Center and to the DOD central registry upon discovery of loss, theft, or recovery of lost or stolen firearms.