

SUBJECT: Unit Stop Loss/Stop Movement

1. References:

A. HQDA MSG, DTG: 212120ZNOV03 from DAPE-MPE, SUBJ: Implement Active Army Unit Stop Loss/Stop Movement Program.

B. MILPER MSG # 04-032, dated 22 Nov 03 From AHRC-PL-CO, SUBJ: Implement Active Army Stop Loss/Stop Movement Program

2. Soldiers in units affected by this stop loss action with an ETS of 27 Nov 03 or earlier will continue their transition processing and separate as scheduled.

3. Soldiers affected by unit stop loss with an ETS date of 28 Nov 03 or later will have their ETS adjusted to redeployment plus 90 days by HRC when unit is within 90 days of deployment.

4. Soldiers' ETS dates and delay in separation reason code (DELSPR) "S" (Stop Loss) will be changed in the TAPDB by HRC. These changes will be posted to the Defense Joint Military Pay Systems (DJMS), the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), and eMilpo. Installations should see ETS dates change in eMilpo not later than 10 days after the effective date of stop loss or within 10 days after HRC has been notified that the unit has been alerted for deployment. Commanders and installations will need to specially manage these Soldiers to ensure they do not separate prior to the termination of stop loss. Human resources command (HRC) will top load ETS adjustments of Soldiers affected by unit stop loss based on UIC list provided by MACOM to HRC.

5. Soldiers on duty with OIF2, OEF5, or transition units that joined the unit on a TCS, TDY, or attachment order are not affected by Stop Loss/Stop Movement.

6. Career Counselors with MACOM user level access have the capability to adjust ETS dates primarily for Soldiers not affected by unit stop loss, IAW paragraph 8 of MILPER message 04-032. The intent is that the bulk of ETS adjustments for Soldiers affected by unit stop loss will be done by HRC.

7. When it becomes apparent that Soldiers should have been affected by unit stop loss, but have not had their ETS dates adjusted, Career Counselors must validate with the command that Soldier should be affected. (Is Soldier assigned to an affected UIC?). If command validates that Soldier should be affected, submit request to MACOM for assistance to determine why Soldiers ETS was not adjusted.

8. Skill based stop loss for MOS 55D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist) is lifted in accordance with IAW referenced messages.

A. MOS 55D Soldiers assigned to deploying units whose contractual ETS is on or before 27 Nov 03 will have their ETS adjusted to 1 Mar 04 and are not affected by new stop loss program.

B. MOS 55D Soldiers assigned to deploying units with a contractual ETS date of 28 Nov 03 or later are affected by unit stop loss. Their ETS will be adjusted to redeployment plus 90 days.

C. MOS 55D Soldiers not assigned to a deploying unit who have had their contractual ETS adjusted under previous Stop Loss program will have their ETS adjusted to 1 Mar 04 or to their contractual ETS date, whichever is later.

9. Process for Soldiers affected by MOS stop loss whose ETS has been changed in accordance with MILPER Message 04-032 and desire to reenlist or process for the BEAR program:

a. Determine eligibility processing: During the eligibility phase of processing, career counselors will have the ability to update the ETS date. For Soldiers who are within 90 days of ETS, adjust their ETS date out 6 months from date eligibility is determined. Updating the ETS date during eligibility will not change the ETS on the TAPDB, but will be used to determine option eligibility in RETAIN. This update will also ensure proper credit is given to the unit. Soldiers may reenlist for movement and training options, if otherwise eligible based on their DEROS or time on station. Career Counselors will not make a reservation for a Soldier affected by unit stop loss that will cause the Soldier to depart the unit prior to unit's redeployment date plus 90 days.

b. BEAR extension processing: Soldiers requesting to participate in the bear program will be processed IAW in AR 601-280, chapter 6 and the bear message. Career Counselors will not make a reservation for a Soldier affected by unit stop loss that will cause the Soldier to depart the unit prior to unit's redeployment date plus 90 days.

c. Option 3 processing: Soldiers requesting to reenlist for option 3, Army Training Reenlistment Option, will be processed IAW AR 601-280, chapter 3, 4 and Table E-3. For Career Counselors will not make a reservation for a Soldier affected by unit stop loss that will cause the Soldier to depart the unit prior to unit's redeployment date plus 90 days.

d. Option 4 and 5 processing: Soldiers requesting to reenlist for option 4, Overseas Assignment Reenlistment Option or option 5, CONUS Station-of-Choice Reenlistment Option, will be processed IAW AR 601-280, chapter 3, 4 and Table E-4 or E-5, as appropriate. Career Counselors will not make a reservation for a Soldier affected by unit stop loss that will cause the Soldier to depart the unit prior to unit's redeployment date plus 90 days.

10. Soldiers reenlisted after their original ETS will have the following statement included on the DD form 4: **"Soldier retained on active duty from (day after original ETS) to (day before reenlistment) for the convenience of the government, under 10 USC 12305."**

11. Issues not addressed in this message or referenced messages are to be addressed to MACOM retention offices. If issue can not be resolved, MACOM retention office will forward to RMD for assistance.

12. Point of contact this message is SGM Dodd, DSN: 221-6949.

END Policy Message 04-03

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