

upon reassignment unless your household size has increased or you will be moving from furnished into unfurnished quarters.

Methods of Shipment

On postings between Canada and the United States, your household effects will almost always be moved by van. Moves to other countries involve shipment by sea and/or air freight. Usually, your air freight limitation is 700 kilograms with an additional 230 kilograms for each accompanying dependent if you are going to be occupying furnished accommodation. In all other situations, APRR will decide which of your effects may be shipped by air taking into account factors like transit times, port security and information about local conditions provided by the post.

Hint - In addition to seasonal clothing, the "Starter Kit" in Section 3.1 of the Handbook contains suggested items for inclusion in your airfreight shipment. Remember that your Air entitlement is meant to be limited only to those items considered essential for initial occupation of your accommodation in reasonable comfort. Overweight air shipments may be rejected or divided up with one portion going by sea freight. Be conservative since indiscretion at this stage may result in later inconvenience.

Delivery

Except for air shipments of essential items, you should not expect to receive your household effects for at least a month and very often up to three months later, depending on factors such as distance, the country concerned, sailing frequencies and so forth. Even moves between Canada and the United States are sometimes delayed while the company waits for someone else's effects to fill the van going to a given destination. Here is an idea of what actually happens:

- (a) once your effects are picked up from your home, they are trucked to the mover's warehouse and crated.
- (b) a Freight Forwarder* is required for all shipments other than those going by van. The Freight Forwarder is obtained on the basis of submitting a successful bid for undertaking to get your shipment from your present location to your destination.
- (c) the Freight Forwarder works out a routing for your shipment that will be approved by APRR. If it is not possible to get your effects to you within three months by surface transportation, the Department will make every effort to ship them by air. However, it must be pointed out that once the shipment leaves Canada much control over its movement is lost, even by the Freight Forwarder. APRR will