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Overseas Private Vehicle Provision Travel on Assignment: BFC Direction

1. JSP 752 has been revised¹, allowing Service Personnel to travel by road/sea to and from the UK on assignment utilising the Overseas Private Vehicle Provision allowance. This note provides BFC direction on how the allowance can be used in this way.
2. The maximum rate for reimbursement is capped at the published Overseas Private Vehicle Provision rate as detailed in [JSP 752](#) Ch 3 . Policy directs that the journey that can be claimed is to be by the most reasonable direct and economical route: details of the HQ BFC authorised route between Dover and Greece are at Annex A², which takes account of UK Government³ travel restrictions and advice, and other information such as security concerns & EU borders. Personnel may still personally choose which route they will take, but the Motor Mileage Allowance (MMA) that can be claimed will be capped at the length of the BFC authorised route and personnel have a personal responsibility to consult [GOV.UK foreign Travel Advice](#) before planning their journey.
3. All travel is to be booked and costed by the Service Person, who is also responsible for all aspects of the journey, including insurance and visas. The journey can only take place after the Call Forward notice/Assignment Order has been issued and must be completed no later than 6 months after the assignment start date.
4. Service Personnel are regarded as on leave⁴ for the duration of the journey and are to ensure that their contact details and proposed route (including expected dates in locations) for the full duration of their journey are recorded on JPA. Personnel are advised to take out adequate insurance to meet any cancellation, medical and hospital expenses that may arise.
5. One 24 hr period of hotel accommodation and subsistence can be claimed, this must be within a country on the BFC authorised route (see Annex A).
6. All journeys must be made through the Port of Limassol because the Republic of Cyprus requires vehicles to be exported or imported through a Republic of Cyprus port and cleared for export/import by the Republic of Cyprus Customs. **Under no circumstances are Service Personnel to transit through Northern Cyprus**, any claims associated with travel through that area will be rejected.
7. The use of this allowance is to enable the movement of a private vehicle on assignment. Personnel and their families are still entitled to undertake a separate duty journey on assignment and receive associated allowances and entitlements for that journey.

¹ v54 dated 1 Apr 23.

² This route will be updated as required by prevailing information. The authorised route that can be claimed against is the one in-place on the date the journey starts.

³ Including the MOD and FCDO.

⁴ Including Relocation Leave and Terminal Leave.

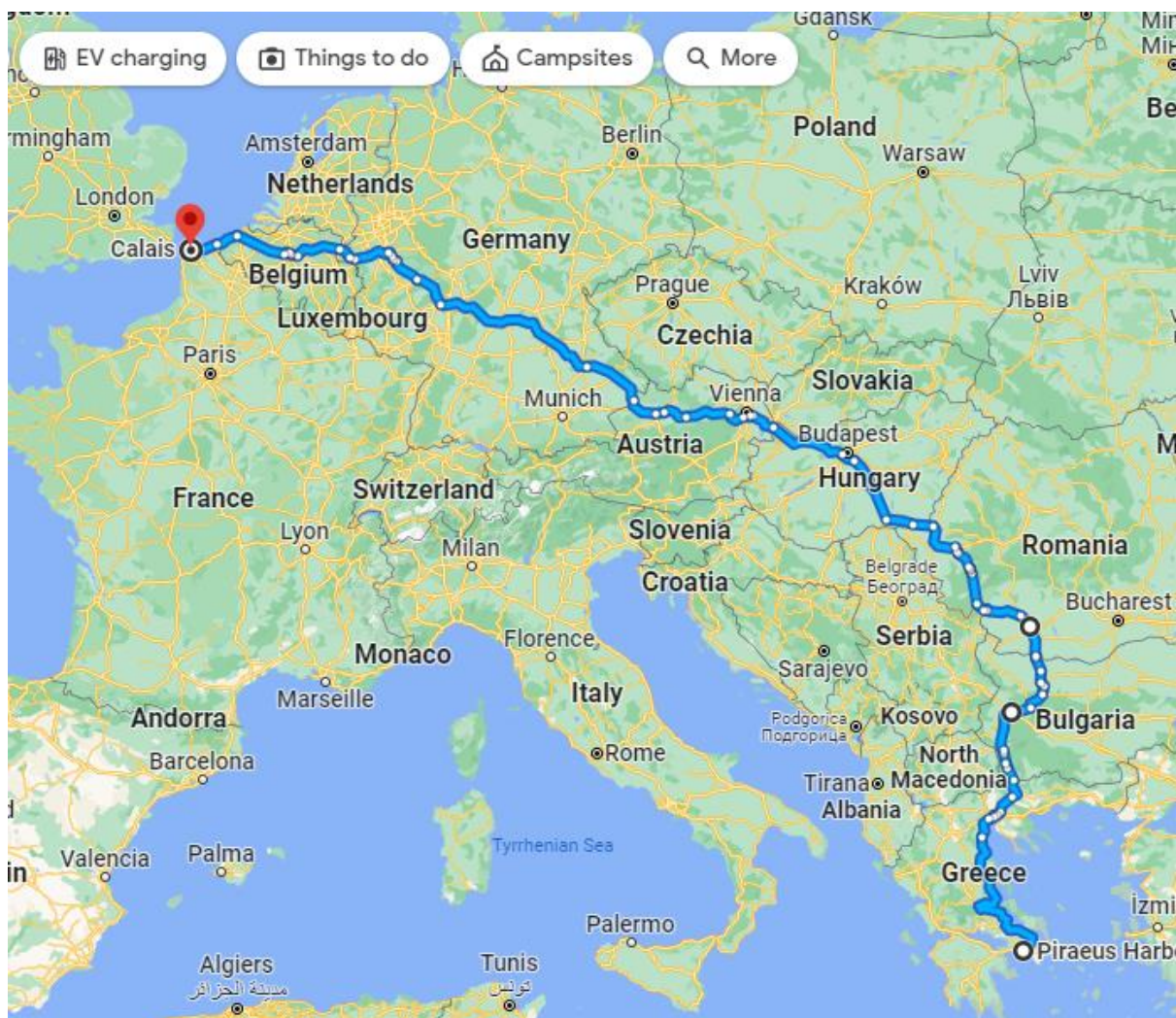
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Annex:

A. Overseas Private Vehicle Provision Travel on Assignment: BFC Authorised Route.

Overseas Private Vehicle Provision Travel on Assignment: BFC Authorised Route

1. This Annex provides details of the HQ BFC authorised route for Overseas Private Vehicle Provision Travel on Assignment, which takes account of UK Government⁵ travel restrictions and advice, and other information such as security concerns & EU borders. Personnel may still personally choose which route they will take, but the Motor Mileage Allowance (MMA) that can be claimed will be capped at the length of the BFC Authorised Route or the OPVP limit (whichever is least) and personnel have a personal responsibility to consult Foreign Office Travel Advice before planning their journey. Personnel who are travelling to/from countries other than the UK are to seek guidance from their unit admin office on the MMA that can be claimed.
2. The BFC Authorised Route between the Port of Calais and Piraeus Harbour is shown below.



3. The elements that can be claimed on JPA are as follows:

⁵ Including the MOD and FCDO.

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Journey Segment	Mileage	MMA Rate
Residence at Work Address at UK Duty Station to Port of Dover	See note below	UK
Port of Dover to Port of Calais	31	Representative mileage to be claimed at UK rate
Port of Calais to Piraeus Harbour via Sofia (Bul) and Craiova (Rom)	2008	Overseas
1-night HOTAC and subsistence, which must be within a country on the BFC Authorised Route		
Piraeus Harbour to Limassol Port	716	Representative mileage to be claimed at Overseas rate
Limassol Port to Residence at Work Address at BFC Duty Station	See note below	Overseas

Note: For the UK and Cyprus elements of an OPVP journey, mileage is capped to the most direct land route on Google Maps.