

BFG Rebasing Bulletin

Are You Ready to Rebase?



Welcome to your final edition of the Rebasing and Drawdown Bulletin, 'Are you ready to rebase?'. In this edition we cover a number of important areas that you need to understand when planning your family's move in detail.

We have provided a step-by-step guide which should assist you in planning the various elements of your move, while also providing gentle reminders on the process and your responsibilities. A critical piece of information which I encourage you to make note of, is who you need to speak to if your plans change at any stage in your move - make sure you have a list of your important contact numbers saved!

As many of you will be looking to have a good clear out before you move we have included details on how to arrange bulk rubbish disposal and also how you could donate items to charity. We have also included some security guidance for rebasing, specifically on crime prevention and travel safety, to ensure you and your family don't become victims to crime during your move.

Whilst this will be the last Rebasing and Drawdown Bulletin, my team and I will continue to keep you up to date with any rebasing and drawdown news and changes via BFGnet and on social media. I will personally provide updates on my Twitter account (@BFGCommander) and the team will ensure that any important updates are made on BFGnet and Facebook (@BFGnet). I encourage you to make sure that you are following both of these pages.

Finally, all I have to say is that I hope everybody has a smooth move in the Summer and I wish you the best of luck for the future.



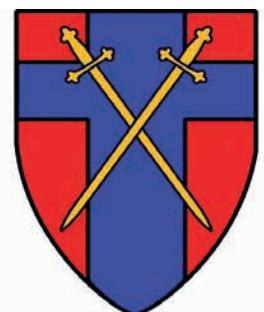
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Security and Crime Prevention for your Move



To ensure that you and your family do not become the victims of crime during your move this summer, we have put together a 'Rebasing Security and Crime Prevention Special' covering specific considerations and actions that will help protect you and your family.

Travel Advice

Before you leave Germany, make sure that you refer to the FCO Foreign Travel Advice webpage for up to date and accurate advice concerning the current security situation and other key travel information. You should check the travel advice for all countries that you will be transiting through or stopping in during your route back to the UK. The FCO Foreign Travel Advice webpage is: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

With the on-going strikes and protests in Europe by the Yellow Jackets, 'Jaune-Gilets', it is recommended that you check the website of your travel provider or their social media accounts before travel. This will detail any delays and help you plan accordingly.

Travel to the Channel Ports

The French and Belgian authorities have a continued increase in their Police activity, so you can expect to see a significant Police presence at border checkpoints, airports and public transport systems. You are reminded that there is a ban in place on wearing uniform in public in France, Belgium and Holland. This includes having identifiable items of military or unit clothing and equipment on display whilst travelling. Make sure your uniform and military pattern luggage is tucked out of view as well as any other items that will identify you as British Forces.

There remains a risk that Human Traffickers/Stowaways may attempt to gain entry to your vehicles with the aim of travelling illegally into the UK. The advice is that if you stop on an auto route **within 80km** of a Channel Port, you should check the vehicle for any unwanted passengers prior to entering the port Authority area. There is a very real possibility that you could be approached and offered cash to smuggle people into the UK. Although the offer of a large sum of cash is tempting, if you are caught by UK Border Force the minimum fine imposed will be £2,000 per person smuggled plus a possible (minimum of 12 months) term in jail. Such requests for passage to the UK are not confined to drivers/passengers of cars, coach passengers have also been approached in the past. If you are approached or find a stowaway you **MUST** report to the local police.

More information and advice can be found here:

www.gov.uk/guidance/secure-your-vehicle-to-help-stop-illegal-immigration

Criminal Gangs

We have received reports that criminal gangs in France are impersonating Police vehicles and stopping vehicles travelling to port locations. The vehicle will be unmarked and with a flashing blue light on the roof, normally an older vehicle. If you are asked to pull over by the Police, please follow the below guidelines:

- (1) Only pull over when safe to do so, you may drive to the next service stop if you wish.
- (2) Stay in the vehicle, turn off your engine and wait for the Police Officer to get out and show you ID.
- (3) Remember to lock your vehicle.

Stay Vigilant!

To ensure that you and your family do not become the victims of crime during your move there are a couple of simple steps that you can take:

- Whilst your removal trucks are open and in the process of being loaded, you should ensure that nothing is added or removed from your load. You are advised to ensure that a responsible adult remains with the removal truck, at all times.
- You should **ALWAYS** report any suspicious activity to the police, no matter how trivial. Despite the SFA areas being busy you must continue to look out for any activity or person that looks out of place.

Routine reports in **Germany** should be made to the **RMP on 05254 982 2223**.

Emergencies should be reported to **110**.

Property Marking

Ahead of the move in the summer you are advised to ensure that your personal belongings are marked. Property marking is where you put a mark on your items, so that they can be identified as yours. This deters a thief or burglar from stealing it, and helps you get it back if it is stolen (or even just lost).

Full details can be found at: bfgnet.de/crime-prevention/property-marking.html

Don't forget it is even more important to property mark when moving house.

Your New Home

On arrival in your new home make sure that you quickly establish your procedures to protect you from becoming a victim of crime. Familiarise yourself with the existing security that is fitted to your home, so that you can use it to best effect. It may not be perfect, but it's far better than doing nothing.

There are also a few simple things you can do to add to the security of your home including timers, dummy alarm boxes / CCTV cameras, ensuring that locks are fitted to all windows and patio doors and keeping garden foliage trimmed back.

We would like to wish you a safe move.



WHAT HAPPENS IN MY MOVE WINDOW?

BY NOW you should already know your removals date - if you do not know, please ask your Unit Welfare Team. Your Move Out date will follow.

You should be keeping an eye on the Rebasing Reminders on the back pages of BFG This Month and working through the checklist in your Rebasing Booklet. These can be found at bfgnet.de/leaving-bfg/checklist.html

If you have any issues or problems at any of these steps, please contact your Unit Welfare Team in Germany up to the point of your travel; if you encounter problems once you arrive in the UK, please contact your Unit Rep in the UK. MAKE SURE YOU KNOW THIS NUMBER BEFORE YOU DEPART!

HOW DO I BOOK? Please go to your Leave & Movements (L&M) clerk, who will guide you through the process

You should **receive confirmation** and references within 7 days

State any **extra requirements** you have on your booking request (pets, trailers, etc.)

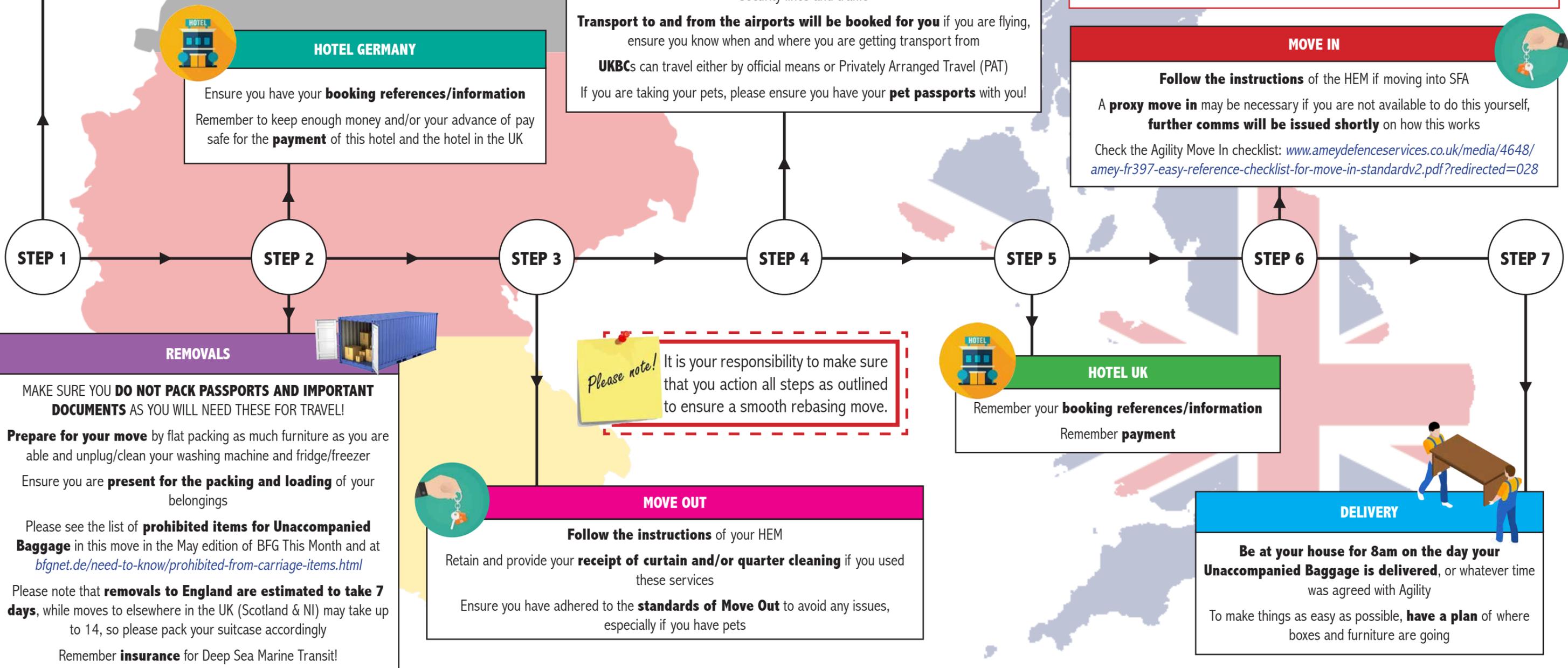
HOW DO I MAKE CHANGES TO MY BOOKING? Please inform your L&M clerk no less than 30 days before your move date

Please check with your Unit Admin Team for **European subsistence rates** before you travel.

UK Rate - £25.00 per person per day

Private Arrangement Rate - £35.00 per family for 24 hours

For **UKBCs**, please check the Defence Travel Guide for limits



Bulk Rubbish Disposal

In the lead up to moves this summer you will probably be thinking about having a sort out and getting rid of items that you no longer need. To assist you with your clear out we have put together some information on disposal options. At a small personal cost your local Stadt will be able to support you with the disposal of bulk rubbish. For details on Bulk Rubbish disposal including specific details for each area of SFA visit bfgnet.de/need-to-know/bulk-rubbish-disposal.html

A Good Clear Out!

Please remember that it is **your responsibility** to ensure that your cellars and attics are completely clear for Move Out!



Charity Donations

Many items that you no longer want, could be used by others. The HIVE have put together a Charity Collection Handout Sheet with details of many places that you can donate items. Pick a copy up in you local HIVE or access via the HIVE blog: bfghive.blogspot.com/2019/05/hive-charity-donations-handout-sheet.html

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