

§ 842.110

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(1) Insured or registered mail, under § 842.109 (a) or (b) of this part while in the possession of the ANG.

(2) Minimum fee insured mail but only if it has an insurance number or requirement for hand-to-hand receipt and was lost or damaged while in the possession of the ANG.

(3) Any mail in the possession of the United States Postal Service or a Military Postal Service due to an unlawful or negligent inspection, search, or seizure in an oversea military postal facility, which was ordered by ANG members.

(d) Claims filed by ANG military or civilian health care providers or legal personnel for their personal liability by settlement or judgement, to include reasonable costs of such litigation, for their common law tortious acts committed on or after 29 Dec 1981 while performing title 32 duty within the scope of their employment under the circumstances described in 10 U.S.C. 1089(f) and 10 U.S.C. 1054(f).

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§ 842.110 Claims not payable.

The following are not payable:

(a) Claims payable under any one of the following statutes and implementing regulations:

(1) The Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA).

(2) The Foreign Claims Act (FCA).

(3) The International Agreements Claims Act.

(4) The Air Force Admiralty Claims Act and the Admiralty Extensions Act.

(5) The Military Claims Act (MCA).

(6) The Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act.

(b) Claims from the combat activities of the armed forces during war or armed conflict.

(c) Claims for personal injury or death of ANG members performing duty under 32 U.S.C. incident to their service.

(d) Claims for damage to or loss of bailed property when the bailor specifically assumed such risk.

(e) Claims for personal injury or death of a person covered by:

(1) The Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

(2) The Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

(3) A United States contract or agreement providing employee benefits through insurance, local law, or custom and the United States pays for such benefits either directly or as a part of the consideration under the contract.

(f) Claims for property damage, personal injury or death occurring in a foreign country to an inhabitant of that country.

(g) Claims caused by the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of members of the District of Columbia ANG.

(h) Claims arising from a private rather than a government transaction.

(i) Claims for patent or copyright infringement.

(j) Claims for damage, use, or other expenses involving the regular acquisition, possession, and disposition of real property by or for the ANG.

(k) Claims for the taking of private real property by a continuing trespass or by a technical trespass such as overflights of aircraft.

(l) Claims for loss of rental fee for personal property.

(m) Claims in litigation against the United States.

(n) Claims for a maritime occurrence covered under U.S. admiralty laws.

(o) Claims for:

(1) Any tax or customs duty.

(2) The detention of any goods or merchandise by any officer of customs, excise, or law enforcement officer.

(p) Claims from an act or omission of any employee of the Government while administering the provisions of the Trading With the Enemy Act.

(q) Claims for damages caused by the United States' imposition or establishment of a quarantine.

(r) Claims for libel, slander, misrepresentation, deceit or interference with contract rights.

(s) Claims that result wholly from the negligent or wrongful act of the claimant or the claimant's agent.

(t) Claims for reimbursement of medical, hospital, or burial expenses furnished at the expense of the United States, any state, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico.

(u) Claims for damage from floods or flood waters.

(v) Claims for damages caused by the fiscal operations of the Treasury or by regulation of the monetary system.

(w) Claims caused by the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of ANG members acting within the scope of their employment, while performing duty under 32 U.S.C., on or after 29 December 1981.

(x) Claims caused by the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of ANG technicians employed under 32 U.S.C. 709.

§ 842.111 Applicable law.

(a) *Extent of liability.* The following rules apply to determine the extent of liability of a claim.

(1) *Claims arising in the United States.* The law of the place where the act or omission occurs governs liability. The local law on dangerous instrumentalities, assumption of risk, *res ipsa loquitur*, last clear chance, discovered peril, and comparative and contributory negligence are considered. Absolute liability is never imposed.

(2) *Claims arising in foreign countries.* The general principles of tort law common to the majority of American jurisdictions as evidenced by Federal case law and standard legal publications, control liability, except that absolute liability is not imposed. However, the law of the place where the act or omission occurs governs the effect of the claimant's comparative or contributory negligence. Where applicable, rules of the road and similar locally prescribed standards of care are followed to determine fault.

NOTE: ANG personnel ordered to foreign countries proceed under title 10, U.S.C.; consequently, the National Guard Claims Act would not apply. However, there may be cases where ANG personnel are inadvertently in a foreign country while on title 32, U.S.C. orders.

(b) *Measure of damages.* The following rules apply to the measurement of damages.

(1) Normally, the law of the place where the act or omission occurs is applied. In claims arising in foreign countries, the measure of damages is determined in accordance with general principles of American tort law.

(2) Damages in suits against private persons are apportioned if local law applies comparative negligence.

(3) Proceeds from private insurance policies are not deducted except to the extent the policy was paid by the Government or is allowed by local law.

(4) Compensation and benefits from any U.S. Government associated source are deducted. However, sick and annual leave payments are deducted only if allowed by local law.

(5) The following are not payable:

(i) Punitive damages.

(ii) Cost of medical or hospital services furnished at U.S. expense.

(iii) Cost of burial expenses paid by the United States, any territory or possession, any state, or the District of Columbia.

(c) *Settlement by insurer or joint tortfeasor.* When settlement is made by an insurer or joint tort-feasor and an additional award is warranted, an award is made if:

(1) The United States is not protected by the release executed by the claimant.

(2) The total amount received from such source is first deducted.

§ 842.112 Appeal of final denials.

This paragraph explains the steps to take when a denial is appealed.

(a) A claimant may appeal the final denial of the claim. The claimant sends the request, in writing, to the initial settlement authority within a reasonable time following the final denial. Sixty days is considered a reasonable time, but the time limit may be waived for good cause.

(b) The initial settlement authority reviews the appeal.

(c) Where the settlement authority does not reach a final agreement with the claimant on an appealed claim, the entire claim file is sent to the next higher settlement authority, who is the appellate authority for that claim.

(d) The decision of the appellate authority is the final administrative action on the claim.

§ 842.113 Government's right of subrogation, indemnity, and contribution.

The Air Force becomes subrogated to the rights of the claimant upon settling a claim. The Air Force has the rights of contribution and indemnity permitted by the law of the situs or