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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Diplomatic Security Request for Higher Maximum Uniform Allotment

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice that the Department of State (DOS) is establishing a higher initial maximum uniform allowance to procure and issue uniform items for special agent personnel within the Office of Mobile Security Deployments (DS/T/MSD). This action is pursuant to the authority granted to the DOS by 5 CFR 591.104, which states that an agency may establish one or more initial maximum uniform allowance rates greater than the government-wide maximum uniform allowance rate established under 5 CFR 591.103.

DATES: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOS is implementing a higher initial maximum uniform allowance to procure and issue uniform items for special agent personnel within the DS/T/MSD. This is being established in accordance with 5 CFR 591.104, which states that an agency may establish one or more initial maximum uniform allowance rates greater than the government-wide maximum uniform allowance rate established under 5 CFR 591.103. The current \$800.00 limit has become inadequate to

maintain the uniform standards and professional image expected of Diplomatic Service special agents whom serve within DS/T/MSD. The uniform items for DS/T/MSD special agent personnel include the following items or similar items such as: battle dress uniform pants, hot weather top and blouses; heavy duty battle dress uniform; cloth uniform insignia patches, and cloth uniform badges. The average total uniform cost for the listed items is \$1,400.00. Based on these current costs, the DOS is increasing the initial maximum uniform allowance for DOS special agents in DS/T/MSD to \$1,400.00. The number of DOS special agents in DS/T/MSD affected by this change would be approximately 125 employees.

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