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(b) *Claim processed under international agreements.* Use any form specified by the host country.

(c) *Any other type claim.* Use SF 95, Claim for Damage, Injury, or Death.

§ 842.6 Signature on the claim form.

The claimant or authorized agent signs the claim form in ink using the first name, middle initial, and last name.

(a) *Claim filed by an individual.* (1) A married woman signs her name, for example, Mary A. Doe, rather than Mrs. John Doe.

(2) An authorized agent signing for a claimant shows, after the signature, the title or capacity and attaches evidence of authority to present a claim on behalf of the claimant as agent, executor, administrator, parent, guardian, or other representative; for example, John Doe by Richard Roe, Attorney in Fact. A copy of a current and valid power of attorney, court order, or other legal document is sufficient evidence of the agent's authority.

(b) *Claim with joint interest.* Where a joint ownership or interest in real property exists, all joint owners must sign the claim form. This includes a husband and wife signing a claim if the claim is for property damage. However, only the military member or civilian employee signs the claim form for a claim under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act.

(c) *Claim filed by a corporation.* (1) A corporate officer signing the form must show title or capacity and affix the corporate seal (if any) to the claim form.

(2) If the person signing the claim is other than the corporate officer they must:

(i) Attach to the claim form a certification by a proper corporate officer that the individual is an agent of the corporation duly authorized to file and settle the claim;

(ii) Affix to the claim form the corporate seal (if any) to the certification.

(d) *Claim filed by a partnership.* A partner must sign the form showing his or her title as partner and list the full name of the partnership.

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§ 842.7 Who may file a claim.

(a) *Property damage.* The owner or owners of the property or their authorized agent may file a claim for property damage.

(b) *Personal injury or death.* (1) The injured person or authorized agent may file a claim for personal injury.

(2) The duly appointed guardian of a minor child or any other person legally entitled to do so under applicable local law may file a claim for a minor's personal injury.

(3) The executor or administrator of the decedent's estate or any other person legally entitled to do so under applicable local law may file a claim based on an individual's death.

(c) *Subrogation.* The subrogor (insured) and the subrogee (insurer) may file a claim jointly or individually. Pay a fully subrogated claim only to the subrogee. A joint claim must be asserted in the names of and signed by the real parties in interest. Make payment by sending a joint check to the subrogee, made payable to the subrogor and subrogee. If separate claims are filed, make payment by check issued to each claimant to the extent of each undisputed interest.

§ 842.8 Insured claimants.

Insured claimants must make a detailed disclosure of their insurance coverage by stating:

- (a) Their name and address.
- (b) Kind, amount, and dates of coverage of insurance.
- (c) Insurance policy number.
- (d) Whether a claim was presented to the insurer and, if so, in what amount.
- (e) Whether the insurer paid or is expected to pay the claim.
- (f) The amount of any payment made or promised.

§ 842.9 Splitting a claim.

(a) A claim includes all damages accruing to a claimant by reason of an accident or incident. For example, when the same claimant has a claim for property damage and personal injury arising out of the same incident, each claim represents only a part of a single claim or cause of action. Even if local law permits filing a separate

claim for property damage and for personal injury, do not settle or pay a separate or split claim without the advance approval of HQ USAF/JACC.

(b) Filing for an advance payment, and subsequently filing a claim, does not constitute splitting a claim.

(c) Process the claim of a subrogor (insured) and subrogee (insurer) for damages arising out of the same incident as a single claim where permitted. If either claim or the combined claim exceeds, or is expected to exceed, settlement limits, send it to the next higher settlement authority. Do not split subrogated claims to avoid settlement limits.

Subpart B—Functions and Responsibilities

§ 842.10 Scope of this subpart.

It sets out the claims organization within the US Air Force and describes the functions and responsibilities of the various claims offices.

§ 842.11 Air Force claims organization.

Air Force claims channels are:

(a) Continental United States (CONUS), Azores, Panama and Iceland:

(1) Headquarters US Air Force (HQ USAF).

(2) SJAs of bases, single base GCM authorities, stations and fixed installations, and commanders responsible for investigation and settlement of claims.

(b) Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) and US Air Forces, Europe (USAFE):

(1) HQ USAF.

(2) SJAs of PACAF and USAFE.

(3) SJAs of organizations exercising GCM authority.

(4) SJAs of bases, stations and fixed installations, and commanders responsible for investigating and settling claims.

(c) US Central Command (CENTCOM):

(1) HQ USAF.

(2) SJA of Headquarters Ninth Air Force (HQ 9AF).

(3) SJAs of bases, stations, and fixed installations, and commanders responsible for investigation and settlement of claims.

(d) *Maneuver and disaster claims.* Air Force Judge Advocates designated by The Judge Advocate General (TJAG) to

process maneuver and disaster claims. Once appointed, judge advocates must process claims through claims channels.

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§ 842.12 HQ USAF claims responsibility.

(a) *TJAG, through the Claims and Tort Litigation Staff (HQ USAF/JACC):* (1) Establishes claims and tort litigation policies and supervises and assists all Air Force claims activities.

(2) Trains claims officers and paralegals.

(3) Settles certain claims.

NOTE: The authority specifically delegated to the Deputy Judge Advocate General to settle certain claims in no way limits the Deputy's authority to perform the duties of TJAG when so acting pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 8072.

(4) Monitors tort litigation for and against the United States arising out of Air Force activities.

(b) *HQ USAF/JACC.* (1) Supervises and inspects claims and tort litigation activities through assistance visits, special audits, and Claims Administrative Management Program (CAMP) reviews.

(2) Implements claims and tort litigation policies, issues instructions, and provides guidance and assistance to subordinate claims offices.

(3) Recommends settlement action on claims and tort litigation to TJAG, the Secretary of the Air Force, and the United States Attorney General.

(4) Maintains liaison with the Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Justice (DOJ), and other government agencies on claims and tort litigation.

(5) Settles certain claims.

(6) Certifies or reports claims to the General Accounting Office (GAO).

(7) Prepares budget estimates for Air Force claims activities.

(8) Monitors the collection, allocation, and expenditure of Air Force claims funds.

(9) Keeps permanent records on all claims and tort litigation for which TJAG is responsible.

(10) Conducts and supervises claims training activities.