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DESERT SHIELD MAIL WEIGHT LIMIT LIFTED

WASHINGTON---Congressman Kika de la Garza announced that he was advised at 5 p.m. today that the Department of Defense's 12-ounce weight restriction on mail and packages to the military in the Persian Gulf has been lifted.

"The weight restriction was originally imposed because Defense personnel were so busy setting up and getting people and equipment into place that they did not want to be concerned with trying to handle large packages and trying to deliver them to the addressees," he said. "Everything is now sufficiently organized so that they can handle a large volume of normal mail items.

"The only restrictions that still apply are those of Saudi Arabia," the South Texas Congressman said. Prohibited items are: All alcoholic beverages; pork and pork by-products; any sexual explicit material, including magazines with nude or semi-nude persons; and firearms of any type.

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NOTE: Please disregard PERSIAN GULF MAILING RULES article in my newsletter for release 13 September 1990, No. 101-1276, and substitute the above.

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