

§ 101-40.306

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(a) When the total quantity of property to be shipped does not exceed 100,000 pounds per shipment or when the known aggregate of more than one shipment will not exceed 100,000 pounds.

NOTE: Agencies making surface shipments under agency-negotiated rates as authorized in this section are exempt from obtaining GSA rate and routing information as required in § 101-40.301(a).

(b) [Reserved]

(c) When the planned shipment is less than that which would require the assessment of carload or truckload rates.

(d) When approval to negotiate is granted by the GSA Central Office or the appropriate GSA regional office.

NOTE: Section 101-40.305-3 does not prohibit executive agencies from seeking GSA assistance in negotiations.

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§ 101-40.306 Rate tenders to the Government.

Under the provisions of section 10721 of the Revised Interstate Commerce Act (49 U.S.C. 10721), common carriers are permitted to submit tenders to the Government which contain transportation rates and/or charges for accessorial services that are lower than those published in tariffs applicable to the general public. In addition, rate tenders may be applied to shipments other than those made by the Government provided the total benefits accrue to the Government; that is, provided the Government pays the charges or directly and completely reimburses the party that initially pays the freight charges (Interpretation of Government Rate Tariff for Eastern Central Motor Carriers Association, Inc., 332 I.C.C. 161 (1968)).

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§ 101-40.306-1 Recommended rate tender format.

(a) Executive agencies will use only those rate tenders which carriers have submitted in writing. Carriers should be encouraged to use Optional Form 280, Uniform Tender of Rates and/or Charges for Transportation Services, when preparing and submitting rate tenders to the Government. Optional

Form 280 (see § 101-40.4903) is approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB control number 3090-0038. Rate tenders that are ambiguous in meaning shall be resolved in favor of the Government; therefore, explicit terms and conditions are necessary to preclude misunderstandings by the parties to the rate tender.

(b) Carriers may purchase Optional Form 280 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, or print it commercially. When ordering this form from the Superintendent of Documents, specify national stock number 7540-01-092-8057. When printing this form commercially, carriers shall ensure that the form conforms to the same size, wording, and arrangement of the approved optional form and, while no minimum grade or paper is set, carriers shall provide a reasonable grade of paper stock.

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§ 101-40.306-2 Required shipping documents and annotations.

(a) To qualify for transportation under section 10721 rates, property must be shipped by or for the Government on:

- (1) Government bills of lading;
- (2) Commercial bills of lading endorsed to show that these bills of lading are to be converted to Government bills of lading after delivery to the consignee; or
- (3) Commercial bills of lading showing that the Government is either the consignor or the consignee and endorsed with the following statement:

Transportation hereunder is for the (name the specific agency, such as the General Services Administration) and the actual total transportation charges paid to the carrier(s) by the consignor or consignee are assignable to, and are to be reimbursed by, the Government.

(b) When a rate tender is used for transportation furnished under a cost-reimbursable contract, the following endorsement shall be used on covering commercial bills of lading:

Transportation hereunder is for the (name the specific agency, such as the General Services Administration), and the actual

total transportation charges paid to the carrier(s) by the consignor or consignee are to be reimbursed by the Government, pursuant to cost reimbursable contract number ().

This may be confirmed by contacting the agency representative at (name and telephone number). (See 332 ICC 161.)

(c) To ensure proper application of a Government rate tender on all shipments qualifying for their use, the issuing officer shall show on the bills of lading covering these shipments the applicable rate tender number and carrier identification, such as, "ABC Transportation Company, Tender ICC No. 374." In addition, if commercial bills of lading are used, they shall be endorsed as specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, as necessary.

§ 101-40.306-3 Distribution.

Each agency receiving rate tenders shall promptly submit one signed copy to the National Capital Region (NCR) office listed in § 101-40.101-1(a) and two copies (including at least one signed copy) to the General Services Administration, Office of Transportation Audits (FW), Washington, DC 20405.

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§ 101-40.306-4 Bill of lading endorsements.

To ensure application of Government rate tenders to all shipments qualifying for their use, bills of lading covering the shipments shall be endorsed with the applicable tender or quotation number and carrier identification; e.g., "Section 10721 quotation, ABC Transportation Company, Tender I.C.C. No. 143." In addition, where commercial bills of lading are used rather than Government bills of lading, the commercial bills of lading shall be endorsed in conformance with the provisions set forth in § 101-40.306-2(a). (For specific regulations covering transportation generated under cost-reimbursement type contracts, see 48 CFR 47.104-3.)

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Subpart 101-40.4—Temporary Nonuse, Debarment, and Suspension of Carriers

§ 101-40.400 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes:

(a) Policies and procedures governing the temporary nonuse, debarment, and suspension of commercial carriers transporting freight or household goods for the account of civilian executive agencies;

(b) Provisions for the listing of temporary nonuse, debarred, or suspended carriers; and

(c) Treatment to be accorded carriers which are placed in temporary nonuse, debarred, or suspended status.

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§ 101-40.401 Policy.

(a) Executive agencies shall obtain transportation services from responsible commercial carriers providing consistent and satisfactory service to meet an agency's needs. Temporary nonuse, debarment, and suspension are discretionary actions which, when taken in accordance with this subpart, are appropriate means to implement this policy.

(b) The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), codified at 48 CFR subpart 9.4, implements on a Government-wide basis the uniform policies and procedures governing the debarment and suspension of Government contractors, promulgated by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), Office of Management and Budget, in Policy Letter 82-1, issued June 24, 1982 (47 FR 28854, July 1, 1982), and shall apply to contracts for transportation (including bills of lading). A Government bill of lading (GBL) is a contract for transportation services. (See 41 CFR 101-41.302-2(a)(1).) A commercial bill of lading is also a contract for transportation services.

(c) Temporary nonuse is not governed by OFPP Policy Letter 82-1 since temporary nonuse does not have Government-wide effect and may be initiated