

charges, where applicable, on a single bill of lading or other transportation document, does not exceed \$50, Government agencies are authorized, but not required, to observe a minimum of \$50 or less in processing loss and damage claims against carriers or forwarders and to absorb losses of \$50 or less.

(b) When the total value of the loss, damage, shortage, or other discrepancy, or the value of repairs or replacement, including unearned freight charges, where applicable, on a single bill of lading or other transportation document exceeds \$50 or the minimum (i.e., \$50 or less) set by the agency, the receiving activity shall prepare Standard Form 361, Transportation Discrepancy Report, as soon as possible, but not later than 45 calendar days after receipt of the shipment or discovery of the discrepancy. Every effort shall be made to reconcile overages or shortages within 15 calendar days after discovery. (Suspected pilferage, theft, or loss during transit of narcotics, hazardous articles, or sensitive materials, regardless of dollar value, shall be reported to the appropriate agencies within 24 hours in accordance with paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this section.) Any photographs taken as documentary evidence (see §101-40.701(d)) should be attached to the discrepancy report to support claim action. Standard Form 361 (SF 361) (see §101-40.4901) is approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB reports control number 3090-0093. Guidelines for the preparation of SF 361 are contained in §101-40.4901-361-1. (See the GSA handbook, Discrepancies or Deficiencies in GSA or DOD Shipments, Material, or Billings (subpart 101-26.8) for specific requirements for reporting discrepancies in shipments from GSA or DOD.)

(c) Pilferage, theft, or loss, regardless of dollar value, occurring in a shipment of narcotics or other controlled substances (as identified in 21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15), shall be reported by telephone within 24 hours after discovery to the agency or activity responsible for the shipment, and SF 361 shall be prepared and distributed immediately to any addressees as may be required by the agency's regulations. In addition, persons who are registered

with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) pursuant to 21 CFR part 1301 are required to complete DEA Form 106, Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances, as prescribed in 21 CFR 1301.74(c).

(d) Pilferage, theft, or loss regardless of dollar value, occurring in a shipment of ammunition, explosives, or other hazardous articles (as identified in 49 CFR part 172) shall be reported by telephone within 24 hours after discovery to the agency or activity responsible for the shipment. In addition, SF 361 shall be prepared and distributed immediately to any addressees as may be required by the agency's regulations.

(e) Pilferage, theft, or loss, regardless of dollar value, occurring in a shipment of (1) security classified material, (2) protected (sensitive) material; e.g., small arms, which are highly pilferable and have a ready use during civil disturbances or a sale potential in illicit markets, or (3) protected (controlled) material; e.g., money, negotiable instruments, precious metals, or alcoholic beverages, shall be reported by telephone within 24 hours after discovery to the agency responsible for the shipment. In addition, a written discrepancy report shall be prepared and distributed immediately.

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§ 101-40.703 Notification of carrier.

§ 101-40.703-1 [Reserved]

§ 101-40.703-2 Notice of visible loss, damage, or shortage.

(a) Usually, it is sufficient to notify the last line-haul or delivering carrier (not a drayage or switching carrier) of a shipment discrepancy by annotating the carrier's delivery receipt. This notation shall be entered on the consignee's copy of the delivery receipt. When the carrier's delivery receipt is not available at the time of delivery of the shipment, notification shall be made within 24 hours by telephone to the nearest office of the delivering carrier to provide the carrier an opportunity, if desired, to verify the loss,