

Subpart C—Actual Expense Method

§ 302-7.200 How are charges paid and who makes the arrangements for transporting HHG, PBP&E and temporary storage under the actual expense method?

Your agency is responsible for making all the necessary arrangements for transporting HHG, PBP&E, and temporary storage, including but not limited to packing/unpacking, crating/uncrating, pickup/delivery, weighing, line-haul, etc., under the actual expense method. Your agency will issue a Bill of Lading or any other shipping document with all charges billed directly to the agency. Any cost or weight in excess of 18,000 pounds will be at your expense. If the shipment exceeds the maximum weight prescribed in § 302-7.2, the Government will pay the total charges and the employee will reimburse the Government for the cost of transportation and other charges applicable to the excess weight.

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§ 302-7.201 Is temporary storage in excess of authorized limits and excess valuation of goods and services payable at Government expense?

No, charges for excess weight, valuation above the minimum amount, and services obtained at higher costs must be borne by the employee in the same manner as he/she is responsible for excess transportation costs.

Subpart D—Agency Responsibilities

NOTE TO SUBPART D: Use of pronouns “we”, “you”, and their variants throughout this subpart refers to the agency.

§ 302-7.300 What policies and procedures must we establish for this part?

You must establish policies and procedures as required for this part, including who will:

(a) Administer your household goods program;

(b) Authorize PBP&E to be transported as an agency administrative expense;

(c) Authorize temporary storage in excess of the initial 90-day limit;

(d) Collect any excess cost or charges;

(e) Advise the employee on the Government’s liability for any loss and damage claims under 31 U.S.C. 3721-3723; and

(f) Ensure that international HHG shipments by water are made on ships registered under the laws of the United States whenever such ships are available.

§ 302-7.301 What method of transporting HHG should we authorize?

You should authorize one of the following methods, of transporting an employee’s HHG, PBP&E and temporary storage. The selected method should be stated on the relocation travel authorization.

(a) *Commuted rate system.* For relocation or first duty station assignment within CONUS. This method will be used without regard to the actual expense method, unless that method is more economical to the Government and results in a savings of \$100 or more. Under this system the employee assumes total responsibility for arranging and paying for, at least the following services: Packing/unpacking, crating/uncrating, pickup/delivery, weighing, line-haul, drayage, and temporary storage of your HHG and PBP&E with a commercial HHG carrier or by renting self drive equipment for a do-it-yourself move. When any PBP&E is transported as an administrative expense of the agency, all arrangements (e.g., packing/unpacking, pickup/delivery, weighing, temporary storage, etc.) will be handled and paid for by you the agency.

(b) *Actual expense method.* For all shipments OCONUS and where deemed economical to the Government within CONUS. Under the actual expense method, the Government assumes the responsibility for arranging and paying for all aspects (e.g., packing/unpacking, pickup/delivery, weighing, line-haul, drayage, temporary storage, etc.) of transporting the employee’s HHG, PBP&E.