

Federal Management Regulation

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§ 102-117.150 What do I need to know about coastwise laws?

You need to know that:

(a) Goods transported entirely or partly by water between U.S. points, either directly or via a foreign port, must travel in U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) authorized U.S. Flag vessels;

(b) There are exceptions and limits for the U.S. Island territories and possessions in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans (see § 102-117.155); and

(c) The Secretary of the Treasury is empowered to impose monetary penalties against agencies that violate the coastwise laws.

§ 102-117.155 Where do I go for further information about coastwise laws?

You may refer to 46 App. U.S.C. 883, 19 CFR 4.80, DOT MARAD, the U.S. Coast Guard or U.S. Customs Service for further information on exceptions to the coastwise laws.

Subpart E—Shipping Freight

§ 102-117.160 What is freight?

Freight is property or goods transported as cargo.

§ 102-117.165 What shipping process must I use for freight?

Use the following shipping process for freight:

(a) For domestic shipments you must:

(1) Identify what you are shipping;

(2) Decide if the cargo is HAZMAT, classified, or sensitive that may require special handling or placards;

(3) Decide mode;

(4) Check for applicable contracts or rate tenders within your agency or other agencies, including GSA;

(5) Select the most efficient and economical TSP that gives the best value;

(6) Prepare shipping documents; and

(7) Schedule pickup, declare released value and ensure prompt delivery with a fully executed receipt, and oversee shipment.

(b) For international shipments you must follow all the domestic procedures and, in addition, comply with the cargo preference laws. For specific information, see subpart D of this part.

§ 102-117.170 What reference materials are available to ship freight?

(a) The following is a partial list of handbooks and guides available from GSA:

(1) U.S. Government Freight Transportation Handbook;

(2) Limited Authority to Use Commercial Forms and Procedures;

(3) Submission of Transportation Documents; and

(4) Things to be Aware of When Routing or Receiving Freight Shipments.

(b) For the list in paragraph (a) of the section and other reference materials, contact:

(1) General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Audit Division (FBA), 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, <http://www.fss.gsa.gov/transtrav>; or

(2) General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, 1500 Bannister Road, Kansas City, MO 64131, <http://www.kc.gsa.gov/fsstt>.

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§ 102-117.175 What factors do I consider to determine the mode of transportation?

Your shipping urgency and any special handling requirements determine which mode of transportation you select. Each mode has unique requirements for documentation, liability, size, weight and delivery time. HAZMAT, radioactive, and other specialized cargo may require special permits and may limit your choices.

§ 102-117.180 What transportation documents must I use to ship freight?

To ship freight:

(a) By land (domestic shipments), use a bill of lading;

(b) By land (international shipments), use the GBL;

(c) By ocean, use an ocean bill of lading, when suitable, along with the GBL; and

(d) By air, use a bill of lading.

§ 102-117.185 Where must I send a copy of the transportation documents?

(a) You must forward an original copy of all transportation documents to:

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General Services Administration
Federal Supply Service
Audit Division (FBA)
1800 F Street, NW.
Washington, DC 20405

(b) For all property shipments subject to the cargo preference laws (see § 102-117.140), a copy of the ocean carrier's bill of lading, showing all freight charges, must be sent to MARAD within 30 days of vessel loading.

§ 102-117.190 Where do I file a claim for loss or damage to property?

You must file a claim for loss or damage to property with the TSP.

§ 102-117.195 Are there time limits affecting filing of a claim?

Yes, several statutes limit the time for administrative or judicial action against a TSP. Refer to part 102-118 of this chapter for more information and the time limit tables.

Subpart F—Shipping Hazardous Material (HAZMAT)

§ 102-117.200 What is HAZMAT?

HAZMAT is a substance or material the Secretary of Transportation determines to be an unreasonable risk to health, safety and property when transported in commerce. Therefore, there are restrictions on transporting HAZMAT (49 U.S.C. 5103 *et seq.*).

§ 102-117.205 What are the restrictions for transporting HAZMAT?

Agencies that ship HAZMAT are subject to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transportation regulations, as well as applicable State and local government rules and regulations.

§ 102-117.210 Where can I get guidance on transporting HAZMAT?

The Secretary of Transportation prescribes regulations for the safe transportation of HAZMAT in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce in 49 CFR parts 171 through 180. The Environmental Protection Agency also prescribes regulations on transporting HAZMAT in 40 CFR parts 260 through 266. You may also call the HAZMAT information hotline at 1-800-467-4922

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(Washington, DC area, call 202-366-4488).

Subpart G—Shipping Household Goods

§ 102-117.215 What are household goods (HHG)?

Household goods (HHG) are the personal effects of Government employees and their dependents.

§ 102-117.220 What choices do I have to ship HHG?

(a) You may choose to ship HHG by:

(1) Using the commuted rate system;
(2) GSA's Centralized Household Goods Traffic Management Program (CHAMP);

(3) Contracting directly with a TSP, (including a relocation company that offers transportation services) using the acquisition procedures under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) (see § 102-117.35);

(4) Using another agency's contract with a TSP (see §§ 102-117.40 and 102-117.45);

(5) Using a rate tender under the Federal transportation procurement statutes (49 U.S.C. 10721 or 13712) (see § 102-117.35).

(b) As an alternative to the choices in paragraph (a) of this section, you may request the Department of State to assist with shipments of HHG moving to, from, and between foreign countries or international shipments originating in the continental United States. The nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate may assist with arrangements of movements originating abroad. For further information contact:

Department of State
Transportation Operations
2201 C Street, NW.
Washington, DC 20520

NOTE TO § 102-117-220: Agencies must use the commuted rate system for civilian employees who transfer between points inside the continental United States unless it is evident from the cost comparison that the Government will incur a savings (\$100 or more) using another choice listed. The use of