

§ 301-10.163

(a) No coach-class accommodations are reasonably available. "Reasonably available" means available and scheduled to leave within 24 hours of the employee's proposed departure time, or scheduled to arrive within 24 hours of the employee's proposed arrival time.

(b) When use of first-class is necessary to accommodate a disability or other special need. A disability must be substantiated in writing by competent medical authority. A special need must be substantiated in writing according to your agency's procedures. If you are authorized under §301-13.3(a) of this chapter to have an attendant accompany you, your agency also may authorize the attendant to use first-class accommodations if you require the attendant's services en route.

(c) When exceptional security circumstances require first-class travel. Exceptional security circumstances include, but are not limited to:

(1) Use of other than first-class accommodations would endanger your life or Government property;

(2) You are an agent on protective detail and you are accompanying an individual authorized to use first-class accommodations; or

(3) You are a courier or control officer accompanying controlled pouches or packages.

(d) Inadequate foreign coach-class train accommodations. When coach-class train accommodations on a foreign rail carrier do not provide adequate sanitation or health standards.

§ 301-10.163 What is an extra-fare train?

A train that operates at an increased fare due to the extra performance of the train (*i.e.*, faster speed or fewer stops).

§ 301-10.164 When may I use extra-fare train service?

You may use extra fare train service whenever your agency determines it is more advantageous to the Government or is required for security reasons. The use of the lowest class of service available on any AMTRAK Acela or Metroliner train service (including Acela Express) is deemed advantageous to the Government and no further agency approval is needed. On the Am-

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trak Acela Express or Metroliner train service, the lowest available class is business and on the Amtrak Regional train service the lowest available class of service is coach. AMTRAK Acela and Metroliner first-class accommodations may be authorized/approved only as provided in §301-10.162.

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SHIP

§ 301-10.180 Must I travel by a U.S. flag ship?

Yes, when a U.S. flag ship is available unless the necessity of the mission requires the use of a foreign ship. (See 46 U.S.C. App. Sec. 1241.)

§ 301-10.181 What is my liability if I improperly use a foreign ship?

You are required to travel by U.S. flag ship for the entire trip, unless use of a foreign ship has been authorized by your agency. Any cost that is attributed to improper or unauthorized use of a foreign ship is your responsibility.

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§ 301-10.182 What classes of ship accommodations are available?

Accommodations on ships vary according to deck levels.

(a) *First-class*—All classes above the lowest first class, includes but is not limited to a suite.

(b) *Lowest first class*—The least expensive first class of reserved accommodations available on a ship.

§ 301-10.183 What class of ship accommodations must I use?

You must use the lowest first class accommodations when traveling by ship, except when your agency specifically authorizes/approves your use of first-class ship accommodations under paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section.

(a) Lowest first class accommodations are not available on the ship.

(b) When use of first-class is necessary to accommodate a disability or other special need. Disability must be substantiated in writing by competent medical authority. Special need must be substantiated in writing according to your agency's procedures. If you are