

U.S. Army Transportation Command

Customer and Carrier Advisory

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Subject: Brokering, Long-Term Leases, and Signature and Tally Service (675) for Motor Shipments Under the Domestic Tender Program

Purpose: To remind Transportation Service Providers (TSP) and government shippers of requirements associated with the brokering of DoD freight.

Be Advised: To provide motor brokering services to the DoD, all TSP's must have active broker authority with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and its Freight Carrier Registration Program (FCRP) registration must reflect this authority. TSPs with dual authorities in FMCSA who fail to identify their brokering authority in FCRP **cannot** broker DoD shipments.

The following actions are prohibited under the Domestic Tender Program:

- Brokering of freight requiring Signature and Tally Service (675)
- Double brokering of freight
- Brokering of freight without brokering authority
- Soliciting drivers with a price for specific loads through broker or load boards prior to shipment award a DoD shipper

TSPs Utilizing Long Term Leases for 675 Shipments

TSPs may provide a vehicle for the movement of 675 freight that is either company owned or under a long-term lease agreement (duration of >30 days). Lease requirements must be in accordance with 49 CFR Part 376. To verify this relationship, the shipper shall:

- Ask the TSP for a copy of its current IRP Apportioned Registration CAB card (CAB card) and verify the TSP on the Bill of Lading (BOL) is listed under "Responsible for Safety". This may be preceded by "Motor Carrier" or "Carrier" or under "Motor Carrier" and is subject to change depending on the state in which the vehicle is registered.
- Verify the license plate on the vehicle matches the plate listed on said card.
- Ask to view the leasing agreement to ensure it is compliant with requirements and in effect for longer than 30 days. A few helpful things to look for are:
 - o A copy of the lease or a statement certifying the equipment is being operated by the authorized carrier
 - o Look for identification of equipment in the lease/statement

- Must state the authorized carrier/lessee has exclusive possession, control and use of the equipment

Identification/Markings for Leased Truck

Any leased truck used for any shipment (FAK and 675 included) must be identified/marked in accordance with 49 CFR Part 390.

- Markings must include the carrier's name and DOT number, and the marking must be easily visible from 50 feet away. The owner-operator's name can be on the vehicle along with carrier's name; however, if there are multiple names on the vehicle, the carrier's name must be presented by the words "Operated by".
- The minimum requirement for identification/markings is a "magnetic sign" or stenciling for non-Transportation Protective Shipments (TPS) shipments.
- Use of taped and/or glued paper/cardboard on truck doors is prohibited.

General Reminders

Shippers are reminded that Signature and Tally Service (675) will exclude brokers from supporting the movement. ARTRANS has received complaints that some shippers are knowingly awarding 675 shipments to asset-based carriers who brokered them without authority or in violation of 675 requirements. This practice is prohibited. Complaints will be reviewed and may be referred to the shipper's chain of command and/or Service HQ; instances of suspected fraud or criminal activity may be sent to the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) for further review and possible investigation as appropriate.

Mishandling of shipments by the TSP, to include brokering without authority or brokering 675 shipments, may result in nationwide performance action, to include nonuse.

Shippers should be sure to identify 675 shipments as such in the shipper system. Simply including a statement in the remarks identifying the shipment as 675 will not prevent brokers from viewing and accepting the shipment in the system. Please note, at a minimum, MRAPs transported by commercial motor TSPs require 675.

Questions may be directed to the ARTRANS Carrier Performance team at the below orgbox.

References:

- Military Freight Unified Rules Publication (MFTURP-1), Section A. Part II. C and E., Item 69

- Defense Transportation Regulation, Chapter 205, Paragraph C.2.c.22. and W.4.

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