

the applicable carrier tariff, except that the charges collected at delivery for such operations shall not exceed 15 percent of all other charges due at delivery. Any remaining charges due shall be paid within 30 days after the carrier presents its freight bill.”

Deadline.

SEC. 4204. ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MOTOR CARRIERS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

Section 13902(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3);
- (2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5);
- (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) **ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOTOR CARRIERS.**—In addition to meeting the requirements of paragraph (1), the Secretary may register a person to provide transportation of household goods as a household goods motor carrier only after that person—

“(A) provides evidence of participation in an arbitration program and provides a copy of the notice of the arbitration program as required by section 14708(b)(2);

“(B) identifies its tariff and provides a copy of the notice of the availability of that tariff for inspection as required by section 13702(c);

“(C) provides evidence that it has access to, has read, is familiar with, and will observe all applicable Federal laws relating to consumer protection, estimating, consumers’ rights and responsibilities, and options for limitations of liability for loss and damage; and

“(D) discloses any relationship involving common stock, common ownership, common management, or common familial relationships between that person and any other motor carrier, freight forwarder, or broker of household goods within 3 years of the proposed date of registration.

“(3) **CONSIDERATION OF EVIDENCE; FINDINGS.**—The Secretary shall consider, and to the extent applicable, make findings on any evidence demonstrating that the registrant is unable to comply with any applicable requirement of paragraph (1) or, in the case of a registrant to which paragraph (2) applies, paragraph (1) or (2).

“(4) **WITHHOLDING.**—If the Secretary determines that a registrant under this section does not meet, or is not able to meet, any requirement of paragraph (1) or, in the case of a registrant to which paragraph (2) applies, paragraph (1) or (2), the Secretary shall withhold registration.”; and

(4) by adding at the end of paragraph (5) (as redesignated by paragraph (2) of this section) “In the case of a registration for the transportation of household goods as a household goods motor carrier, the Secretary may also hear a complaint on the ground that the registrant fails or will fail to comply with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection.”

SEC. 4205. HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER OPERATIONS.

Section 14104(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and
- (2) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) **REQUIRED TO BE IN WRITING.**—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, every motor carrier providing transportation of household goods described in section 13102(10)(A) as a household goods motor carrier and subject to jurisdiction under subchapter I of chapter 135 shall conduct a physical survey of the household goods to be transported on behalf of a prospective individual shipper and shall provide the shipper with a written estimate of charges for the transportation and all related services.

“(B) WAIVER.—A shipper may elect to waive a physical survey under this paragraph by written agreement signed by the shipper before the shipment is loaded. A copy of the waiver agreement must be retained as an addendum to the bill of lading and shall be subject to the same record inspection and preservation requirements of the Secretary as are applicable to bills of lading.

“(C) ESTIMATE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding a waiver under subparagraph (B), a carrier’s statement of charges for transportation must be submitted to the shipper in writing and must indicate whether it is binding or nonbinding. The written estimate shall be based on a physical survey of the household goods if the household goods are located within a 50-mile radius of the location of the carrier’s household goods agent preparing the estimate.

“(ii) BINDING.—A binding estimate under this paragraph must indicate that the carrier and shipper are bound by such charges. The carrier may impose a charge for providing a written binding estimate.

“(iii) NONBINDING.—A nonbinding estimate under this paragraph must indicate that the actual charges will be based upon the actual weight of the individual shipper’s shipment and the carrier’s lawful tariff charges. The carrier may not impose a charge for providing a nonbinding estimate.

“(2) OTHER INFORMATION.—At the time that a motor carrier provides the written estimate required by paragraph (1), the motor carrier shall provide the shipper a copy of the Department of Transportation publication FMCSA-ESA-03-005 (or its successor publication) entitled ‘Ready?’. Before the execution of a contract for service, the motor carrier shall provide the shipper copy of the Department of Transportation publication OCE 100, entitled ‘Your Rights and Responsibilities When You Move’ required by section 375.213 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation).”

SEC. 4206. ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

(a) NONPREEMPTION OF INTRASTATE TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS.—Section 14501(c)(2)(B) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting “intrastate” before “transportation”.

(b) ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL LAW WITH RESPECT TO INTERSTATE HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 147 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following: