

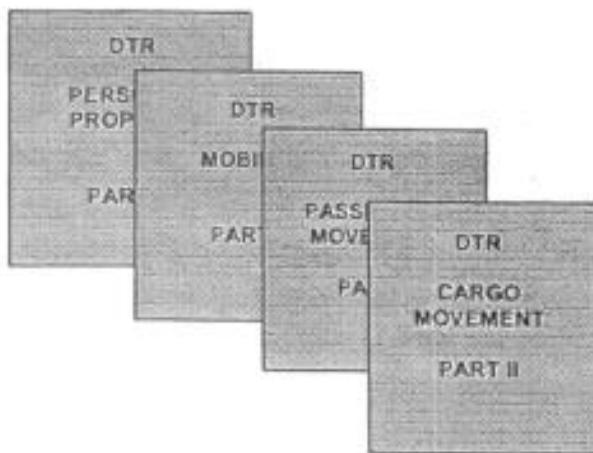


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# DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION REGULATION

## PART II

## CARGO MOVEMENT



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## **P. TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES GUIDE (TFG)**

1. TOs (CONUS and OCONUS freight TOs as listed in Appendix Y) are required to update their TFG record whenever changes occur or at least every 120 days, whichever comes first.

2. Proposed revisions that would modify terms of delivery, delay receipt, or increase transportation costs must be approved at major command level and coordinated with shipper service HQs prior to or initiating any online changes.

3. TFG Instructions (Appendix R) provide users with step-by-step procedures to use the TFG online application system to update records.

4. TOs are required to provide MTMC (MTO-PAS) a notice 90 days in advance of ceasing their transportation operations to ensure TFG entries, Government Bill of Lading Office Codes (GBLOCs), and commercial industry products supporting DOD are updated or deactivated accordingly.

## **Q. CARRIER QUALIFICATION**

Carriers handling DOD surface cargo must be approved through the MTMC carrier qualification program. HQ AMC is responsible for determining civil air carrier eligibility and suitability of airlift carriers. TOs can use only qualified carriers and should check with MTMC HQs when questions arise concerning a carrier's status.

## **R. TRANSPORTATION ACQUISITION POLICY**

It is DOD policy to procure transportation and related services using streamlined, "best value" acquisition processes. Some of the determining factors to be considered are quality of service, past performance, cost/price, service provisions, claims experience, provider availability, and commitment of transportation assets to readiness support. The transportation acquisition process should involve the customer and transportation service providers early in and throughout the transportation acquisition process. The involvement of transportation providers will be accomplished in a fair and equitable manner; care will be taken not to favor some firms in an industry over others. The acquisition of transportation and related services will be accomplished through a variety of flexible procurement instruments, including FAR-based contracts under Part 12, to the maximum extent practicable, and tariffs and tenders, as appropriate.

## **S. SWITCHING OR TRUCKAGE AGREEMENTS**

1. The rights and obligations of carriers and their customers in the performance of switching services are normally matters which are the subject of tariff provisions and are in the realm of general law; however, upon request of the carrier, or when it has been determined that a formal switching agreement would be in the best interest of the Government, such agreements may be negotiated. When an agreement already exists, it will be renegotiated when it appears to be in the best interest of the Government. TOs will:

a. Conduct initial negotiations with carriers for switching or truckage agreements. In preparing the agreement, TOs will ensure that the provisions are limited to the procurement of