

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

QUARTERLY REPORT OF FREIGHT COMMODITY STATISTICS (FORM QCS)

CERTIFICATION

The following certification must be submitted with your company's *Quarterly Report of Freight Commodity Statistics* (Form QCS). Send the certification and report to: Director, Office of Economics, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423.

PERIOD: _____ QUARTER 20____

I, the undersigned, of the _____ Company, state that this report was prepared by me or under my supervision; that I have carefully examined it; and on the basis of my knowledge, belief, and verification (where necessary), I declare it to be a full, true, and correct statement of the freight commodity statistics named, and that the various items here reported were determined in accordance with the rules promulgated by the Surface Transportation Board.

Name (type or print)

Signature

Address

Date

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number (include area code)

REMARKS:

(Check One)

- This report includes all commodity statistics for the period covered.
- A supplemental report has been filed covering traffic involving less than three shippers reportable in any one commodity code.
- Supplemental report not open to public inspection.

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