

## Relocation Allowances

## § 302-7.300

weight) or a reasonable estimate acceptable to your agency; and

(c) Anticipated temporary storage period (not to exceed 90 days) at Government expense.

### **§ 302-7.107 May my HHG be temporarily stored at Government expense?**

Yes, HHG may be stored at Government expense incident to the transporting of such goods either at the HHG carrier storage facility or a self storage facility. Storage may be at any combination of origin, en route locations or destination.

### **§ 302-7.108 What temporary storage expenses will be reimbursed?**

The following will be reimbursed:

(a) Reimbursable temporary storage cost incident to storage at the HHG carriers facility are:

- (1) Handling in;
- (2) Daily storage;
- (3) Handling out; and
- (4) Drayage to residence.

(b) Reimbursable cost of storage at a self storage facility. This is the cost of the storage space that will reasonably accommodate the HHG transported.

### **§ 302-7.109 Are receipts required?**

Yes, under the commuted rate system, a receipted copy of the warehouse or other bill for storage is required to support reimbursement.

### **§ 302-7.110 Is there a reimbursement limit?**

Yes, reimbursement must not exceed the limits in the commuted rate table published by GSA and found at <https://www.gsa.gov/relocationpolicy>.

[FTR Amdt. 2013-03, 78 FR 75484, Dec. 12, 2013, as amended at 85 FR 39850, July 2, 2020]

## **Subpart C—Actual Expense Method**

### **§ 302-7.200 How are charges paid and who makes the arrangements for transporting HHG, PBP&E and temporary storage under the actual expense method?**

Your agency is responsible for making all the necessary arrangements for transporting HHG, PBP&E, and temporary storage, including but not lim-

ited to packing/unpacking, crating/uncrating, pickup/delivery, weighing, line-haul, etc., under the actual expense method. Your agency will issue a Bill of Lading or any other shipping document with all charges billed directly to the agency. Any cost or weight in excess of 18,000 pounds will be at your expense. If the shipment exceeds the maximum weight prescribed in § 302-7.2, the Government will pay the total charges and the employee will reimburse the Government for the cost of transportation and other charges applicable to the excess weight.

[FTR Amdt. 98, 66 FR 58196, Nov. 20, 2001, as amended by FTR Amdt. 108, 67 FR 57969, Sept. 13, 2002]

### **§ 302-7.201 Is temporary storage in excess of authorized limits and excess valuation of goods and services payable at Government expense?**

No, charges for excess weight, valuation above the minimum amount, and services obtained at higher costs must be borne by the employee in the same manner as the employee is responsible for excess transportation costs.

[FTR Amdt. 98, 66 FR 58196, Nov. 20, 2001, as amended by FTR Case 2022-05, 89 FR 12255, Feb. 16, 2024]

## **Subpart D—Baggage Allowance**

SOURCE: FTR Amdt. 2011-01, 76 FR 18340, Apr. 1, 2011, unless otherwise noted.

### **§ 302-7.300 When may I be authorized an unaccompanied air baggage (UAB) shipment?**

UAB is used in connection with permanent change of station OCONUS, renewal agreement travel, and temporary change of station. You may be authorized a UAB shipment prior to transferring from a CONUS location to an OCONUS location, between OCONUS locations, or from an OCONUS location to a CONUS location. UAB for CONUS to CONUS shipments is not allowed under the FTR.

## § 302-7.301

### **§ 302-7.301 Is my UAB shipment in addition to the 18,000 pounds net weight of the HHG weight allowance?**

No, for all shipments made under the authority of the FTR, the UAB shipment is part of, not in addition to, the 18,000 pounds net weight allowance for HHG.

### **§ 302-7.302 What is the maximum weight allowance for a UAB shipment?**

The maximum weight allowance your agency may grant for a UAB shipment is—

(a) Up to 350 pounds actual weight (including the weight of the luggage or packing material) for the employee and each immediate family member 12 years of age and over; or

(b) Up to 175 pounds actual weight (including the weight of the luggage or packing material) for each immediate family member under 12 years of age.

### **§ 302-7.303 When may my agency authorize the shipment of UAB by expedited means?**

Your agency may authorize the shipment of UAB by expedited means when:

(a) Shipment by a lower cost mode cannot deliver the items being shipped by the time they will be needed by the employee and/or the employee's immediate family; or

(b) You certify that expedited shipment of your UAB is necessary to carry out your assigned duties; or

(c) Your agency determines that an expedited shipment is necessary to prevent undue hardship to you and members of your immediate family.

### **§ 302-7.304 Who makes arrangements for transporting my UAB?**

Your agency or your agency's designee should arrange for the transport of your UAB. In limited situations, the agency may ask the employee to make the arrangements for a UAB shipment.

### **§ 302-7.305 When must my agency ship my UAB?**

Your agency must ship your UAB in time to ensure that your shipment arrives by the time you (and/or your family) report to your new official station. Arrangements should begin prior to

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your and/or your family's departure to your new official station.

### **Subpart E—Agency Responsibilities**

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NOTE TO SUBPART E: Use of pronouns “we,” “you,” and their variants throughout this subpart refers to the agency.

### **§ 302-7.400 What policies and procedures must we establish for this subpart?**

You must establish policies and procedures as required for this subpart, including who will:

(a) Administer your household goods program;

(b) Authorize commuted rate or actual expense for transportation and payment for HHG, PBP&E, and temporary storage;

(c) Authorize PBP&E to be transported as an agency administrative expense in accordance with FTR guidelines (usually the authorizing official for PBP&E will be at the employee's new official station);

(d) Authorize an employee to ship UAB;

(e) Collect any excess costs or charges;

(f) Advise the employee on the Government's liability for any personal property damage or loss claims (*See* 31 U.S.C. 3721, *et seq.*);

(g) Ensure that international HHG shipments by water are made on ships registered under the laws of the United States whenever such ships are available (*see* The Cargo Preference Act of 1904 (10 U.S.C. 2631) and The Cargo Preference Act of 1954 (46 U.S.C. 55302));

(h) Authorize temporary storage in excess of the initial 60-day limit for CONUS shipments or 90-day limit for OCONUS shipments; and

(i) Ensure pre-payment audits are completed.

### **§ 302-7.401 What method of transportation and payment should we authorize for shipment and temporary storage of HHG?**

There are two methods of arranging and paying for shipment of HHG and providing for temporary storage: actual expense and commuted rate. You