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NOTICE OF MANDATORY INTERSTATE MOVER TARIFF PUBLISHING REQUIREMENT

Dear Interstate Mover/Applicant:

Federal law and regulations require all interstate movers to publish a "Tariff," listing their rates and charges and the rules that apply to the transportation of household goods.

As an interstate mover, you are regulated by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and the United States Surface Transportation Board (STB), with respect to tariffs. I am admitted to practice before STB. I have been working with movers for over 30 years and am one of the industry's leading experts in the area of tariff requirements and publication. For instance, STB prescribes a specific valuation statement that must appear in your tariff and on your estimate and bill of lading forms.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration enforces its consumer protection regulations with respect to movers publishing and following their tariffs. In the past, they have issued **civil penalties -in one case \$11,200 for not having a tariff or appropriate tariff provisions.** Don't get tricked into believing a computer rates program is a Tariff!

See: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/protect-your-move/regulations-and-enforcement>

The cost for a new custom MoverTariffs.com Interstate Mover Tariff starts at just \$799. We can also prepare your FMCSA-required motor carrier of household goods programs, safety policies & procedural documents.

For more information, or to order a tariff that complies with STB orders, please call me on **(954) 887-6831 ASAP or return the attached order form. Visit www.MoverTariffs.com**

Regards,

/JAMES LAMB/

United States Surface Transportation Board Registered Practitioner



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United States Code TITLE 49 - TRANSPORTATION

SUBTITLE IV - INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION

**PART B - MOTOR CARRIERS, WATER CARRIERS, BROKERS,
AND FREIGHT FORWARDERS**

CHAPTER 137 - RATES AND THROUGH ROUTES

Sec. 13702. Tariff requirement for certain transportation

(c) Tariff Requirements for Household Goods Carriers. -

- (1) In general. - A carrier providing transportation described in subsection (a)(2) shall maintain rates and related rules and practices in a published tariff. The tariff must be available for inspection by the Board and be made available for inspection by shippers upon reasonable request.
- (2) Notice of availability. - A carrier that maintains a tariff under this subsection may not enforce the provisions of the tariff unless the carrier has given notice that the tariff is available for inspection in its bill of lading or by other actual notice to individuals whose shipments are subject to the tariff.
- (3) Requirements. - A carrier that maintains a tariff under this subsection is bound by the tariff except as otherwise provided in this part. A tariff that does not comply with this subsection may not be enforced against any individual shipper.
- (4) Incorporation by reference. - A carrier may incorporate by reference the rates, terms, and other conditions of a tariff in agreements covering the transportation of household goods.
- (5) Complaints. - A complaint that a rate or related rule or practice maintained in a tariff under this subsection violates section 13701(a) may be submitted to the Board for resolution.



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CHAPTER 149 - CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES

Sec. 14903. Tariff violations

- (a) Civil Penalty for Undercharging and Overcharging. - A person that offers, grants, gives, solicits, accepts, or receives by any means transportation or service provided for property by a carrier subject to jurisdiction under chapter 135 at a rate different than the rate in effect under section 13702 is liable to the United States for a civil penalty of not more than \$100,000 for each violation.
- **(b) General Criminal Penalty. - A carrier providing transportation or service subject to jurisdiction under chapter 135 or an officer, director, receiver, trustee, lessee, agent, or employee of a corporation that is subject to jurisdiction under that chapter, that willfully does not observe its tariffs as required under section 13702, shall be fined under title 18 or imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.**
- (c) Actions of Agents and Employees. - When acting in the scope of their employment, the actions and omissions of persons acting for or employed by a carrier or shipper that is subject to this section are considered to be the actions and omissions of that carrier or shipper as well as that person.
- (d) Venue. - Trial in a criminal action under this section is in the judicial district in which any part of the violation is committed or through which the transportation is conducted.

INTERSTATE TARIFF QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for deciding to place your interstate tariff order through www.MoverTariffs.com
In order for us to prepare your tariff, we ask that you please answer the following questions:

1) Is this your first interstate tariff? If not, please provide us with a copy of your current tariff.

2) What is the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Docket Number (MC number) assigned to your company?

3) What is your USDOT Number?

4) the business name under which you applied for interstate authority?

5) What is the business address you filed with the FMCSA as your primary address of record?

6) What is the name of the president/principal of your business?

7) You are required to offer weight-distance rates. Do you plan to estimate moves on a volume/cubic foot basis? This is based on a cubic foot/distance chart converted from weight on a 1:7 ratio (1 cu ft = 7 lbs).

8) Do you plan to charge for materials? If so, please email James@MoverTariffs.com a list of your prices. If undecided, leave blank and we will recommend charges for standard items (i.e. china boxes, wardrobes) and accessorial services like long-carry, shuttle, and elevator charges.

9) Do you plan to offer a written binding estimate (this is like a fixed price/flat rate)? We recommend that you offer this as an alternative to weight-distance moves in case your customer advises your competitor's rate is lower. As of January 2024, hourly rates are no longer allowed by STB.

10) Please advise the discount percentage you will apply on weight-distance moves. If undecided, leave blank, and we will recommend a competitive standard discount of 50% Peak and 55% off-Peak.

Peak Discount _____ Off Peak Discount _____
(CSR: JAMES)

