

## 47.303-1 F.o.b. origin.

(a) *Explanation of delivery term.* "F.o.b. origin" means free of expense to the Government delivered-

(1) On board the indicated type of conveyance of the *carrier* (or of the Government, if specified) at a designated point in the city, county, and State from which the *shipment* will be made and from which line-haul transportation service (as distinguished from switching, local drayage, or other terminal service) will begin;

(2) To, and placed on, the *carrier's* wharf (at shipside, within reach of the ship's loading tackle, when the shipping point is within a port area having water transportation service) or the *carrier's freight* station;

(3) To a U.S. Postal Service facility; or

(4) If stated in the *solicitation*, to any Government-designated point located within the same city or commercial zone as the *f.o.b. origin* point specified in the contract (the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration prescribes commercial zones at Subpart B of 49 CFR part 372).

(b) *Contractor responsibilities.* The contractor shall-

(1)

(i) Pack and mark the *shipment* to comply with contract specifications; or

(ii) In the absence of specifications, prepare the *shipment* in conformance with *carrier* requirements to protect the goods and to ensure assessment of the lowest applicable transportation charge;

(2)

(i) Order specified *carrier* equipment requested by the Government; or

(ii) If not specified, order appropriate *carrier* equipment not in excess of capacity to accommodate *shipment*;

(3) Deliver the *shipment* in good order and condition to the *carrier*, and load, stow, trim, block, and/or brace carload or truckload *shipment* (when loaded by the contractor) on or in the *carrier's* conveyance as required by *carrier* rules and regulations;

(4) Be responsible for any loss of and/or damage to the goods-

(i) Occurring before delivery to the *carrier*;

(ii) Resulting from improper packing and marking; or

(iii) Resulting from improper loading, stowing, trimming, blocking, and/or bracing of the *shipment*, if loaded by the contractor on or in the *carrier's* conveyance;

(5) Complete the Government *bill of lading* supplied by the ordering agency or, when a Government *bill of lading* is not supplied, prepare a commercial *bill of lading* or other transportation receipt. The

*bill of lading shall show-*

- (i) A description of the *shipment* in terms of the governing *freight* classification or tariff (or *Government rate tender*) under which lowest *freight* rates are applicable;
  - (ii) The seals affixed to the conveyance with their serial numbers or other identification;
  - (iii) Lengths and capacities of cars or trucks ordered and furnished;
  - (iv) Other pertinent information required to effect prompt delivery to the consignee, including name, delivery address, postal address and ZIP code of consignee, routing, etc.;
  - (v) Special instructions or annotations requested by the ordering agency for commercial bills of lading; e.g., "This *shipment* is the property of, and the *freight* charges paid to the *carrier(s)* will be reimbursed by, the Government" ; and
  - (vi) The *signature* of the *carrier's* agent and the date the *shipment* is received by the *carrier*; and
- (6) Distribute the copies of the *bill of lading*, or other transportation receipts, as directed by the ordering agency.
- (c) *Contract clause*. The *contracting officer* shall insert in *solicitations* and contracts the clause at 52.247-29, F.o.b. Origin, when the delivery term is *f.o.b. origin*.

**Parent topic:** 47.303 Standard delivery terms and contract clauses.