

# 47.001 Definitions.

As used in this part-

*Bill of lading* means a transportation document, used as a receipt of goods, as documentary evidence of title, for clearing customs, and generally used as a contract of carriage.

(1) "Commercial *bill of lading* (CBL)", unlike the Government *bill of lading*, is not an accountable transportation document.

(2) "Government *bill of lading* (GBL)" is an accountable transportation document, authorized and prepared by a Government official.

*Carrier* or "commercial *carrier*" means a *common carrier* or a *contract carrier*.

*Common carrier* means a person holding itself out to the general public to provide transportation for compensation.

*Contract carrier* means a person providing transportation for compensation under continuing agreements with one person or a limited number of persons.

*Government rate tender* under [49 U.S.C. 10721](#) and [13712](#) means an *offer* by a *common carrier* to the *United States* at a rate below the regulated rate offered to the general public.

*Household goods* in accordance with [49 U.S.C. 13102](#) means personal effects and property used or to be used in a dwelling, when a part of the equipment or supply of such dwelling, and similar property if the transportation of such effects or property is arranged and paid for by-

(1) The householder, except such term does not include property moving from a factory or store, other than property that the householder has purchased with the intent to use in his or her dwelling and is transported at the request of, and the transportation charges are paid to the *carrier* by, the householder; or

(2) Another party.

*Noncontiguous domestic trade* means transportation (except with regard to bulk cargo, forest products, recycled metal scrap, waste paper, and paper waste) subject to regulation by the Surface Transportation Board involving traffic originating in or destined to Alaska, Hawaii, or a territory or possession of the *United States* (see [49 U.S.C. 13102\(15\)](#) and [13702](#)).

*Released or declared value* means the assigned value of the cargo for reimbursement purposes, not necessarily the actual value of the cargo. Released value *may* be more or less than the actual value of the cargo. The released value is the maximum amount that could be recovered by the agency in the event of loss or damage for the *shipments* of *freight* and *household goods*.

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