47.305-9 Commodity description and freight classification.

(a) Generally, the *freight* rate for *supplies* is based on the rating applicable to the *freight* classification description published in the National Motor *Freight* Classification (NMFC) (for *carriers*) and the Uniform *Freight* Classification (UFC) (for rail) filed with Federal and State regulatory bodies. Therefore, the *contracting officer shall* show in the *solicitation* a complete description of the commodity to be acquired and of packing requirements to determine proper transportation charges for the evaluation of *offers*. If *supplies* cannot be properly classified through reference to *freight* classification tariffs or if doubt exists, the *contracting officer shall* obtain the applicable *freight* classification from the transportation office. In some situations prospective contractors have established an official *freight* classification description that can be applied.

(b)

(1) When the *supplies* being acquired are new to the supply system, nonstandard, or modifications of previously shipped items, and different *freight* classifications *may* apply, the *contracting officer shall* insert in *solicitations* the provision at 52.247-53, *Freight* Classification Description.

(2) The *contracting officer shall* alert the transportation officer to the possibility of negotiations for appropriate *freight* classification ratings and reasonable transportation rates.

(c) The *solicitation shall* contain adequate descriptions of explosives and other dangerous *supplies* according to-

(1) The regular *freight* classification; and

(2) The hazardous material description and hazard class as shown in 49 CFR172.101.

(d) The *contracting officer shall* furnish the *freight* classification information developed in 47.305-9(a), (b), and (c) of this section to the *contract administration office*.

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