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DATE: January 15, 2010  
TO: Military Agents and Haulers of National Van Lines, National Forwarding Co.,  
Subsidiaries and Affiliates  
FROM: Michael Wilson, Manager, Billing Department  
SUBJECT: **Bulky Articles**

The Military Tariffs (RSD and 400NG) have strict criteria that an article must fall under to be paid a bulky article charge. It is the responsibility of the agent to be appropriately and accurately providing sought information on the inventory for all bulky articles billed. If an inbound shipment is the subject of a bulky article charge, the destination agent should take appropriate steps to ensure accurate bulky article billings. Please review the following memo to confirm the appropriate information is being provided on the inventory and DD-619/-1 documents.

## **TVs**

A bulky article charge for a television (Item 113M) applies to televisions that are over 48” however excludes Flat Panel TVs. A Flat Panel TV is defined as a Plasma or Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) TV which are by design, four inches or less in depth, and incapable of standing alone without a form of support.

The 100V charge has been created for agents who choose to pack Flat Panel TVs in corrugated cartons specifically designed to ship Flat Screen Televisions. The charge is a flat \$105.00 regardless of the rate of the shipment. The 100V carton cannot be billed if the original container is being used to transport the Flat Screen TV. Special billing guidelines have been provided from the RSD-17 (Page 4-31) for Flat Panel TVs that are in excess of a 60 Inch Diagonal Screen. The 100V carton is applicable only for TOPS shipments and is not a part of the 400NG tariff therefore cannot be billed on any DP3 shipment.

All televisions, whether Flat Panel or not, should include the make, model number and serial number listed on the inventory. Listing this information permits verification should the Transportation Office question a bulky TV billing.

## **Motorcycles**

A bulky article charge for a motorcycle (Item 113I) applies to motorcycles that are 250 cc and over. It is very important that the inventory and DD619 contains the number of cc for the motorcycle as well as the make and model.

## **Pianos/Organs**

Different guidelines have been created for the billing of bulky pianos in the RSD and 400NG tariff. The basis of these guidelines has been outlined below.

RSD-17: There are two bulky article charges for pianos/organs in this tariff. Item 111A exists for pianos/organs that are in excess of 38” in height and Item 111B is for those that are 38” or less.

400NG: The 400NG has a single bulky article charge for pianos and is only applicable for Grand and Baby Grand Pianos. The tariff specifically states that Upright Pianos will not warrant a bulky article charge.

Please be sure to provide the appropriate information that is specific to the shipment type on your inventories and DD619. For RSD shipments we will need a listing of inches; for DP3 shipments the piano type will be needed to bill.

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**NOTE 9:** Containers/Overflow boxes, when used in door-to-door service, shall be packed and stuffed at origin residence unless specific exception is authorized by the responsible PPSO. For the authorized exceptions, such items shall be listed on the inventory and shall be annotated that items shall be containerized at the warehouse.

**NOTE 10:** Packing and Shipment of Flat Screen Televisions

- a. Flat screen televisions include Plasma and Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) types, which are by design, four inches or less in depth, and incapable of standing alone without a form of support.
- b. Member/employee Responsibilities: The member/employee shall be responsible for the pre- and post-transportation servicing of such a television at origin and destination. This includes all costs to disconnect and unmount at origin and cost to mount and connect at destination.
- c. Transportation Service Provider (TSP) Responsibilities: The TSP shall be responsible for packing and unpacking of flat screen televisions at origin and destination. TSPs are responsible for ensuring that all flat screen televisions remain in an upright position, during packing, transportation and unpacking.
- d. Crating Charges for Flat Screen Televisions: Crating charges shall only apply to flat screen televisions in excess of a 60 inch diagonal screen size and if member/employee original container is no longer available, (See Note 11). The PPSO may also authorize crating for any size flat screen television but the cost of crating will not exceed the \$105.00 charge for the corrugated carton designed specifically for flat screen televisions. If the crating cost is less than \$105.00 TSP will bill the lesser cost. This crating service must be pre-approved in writing by the PPSO. TSPs are permitted to utilize third party service to construct an authorized crate, however in no event shall any claim for payment by the TSP exceed the authorized rates for crating that are published in the solicitation, nor shall any additional charges apply for packing or unpacking, as the compensation for packing and unpacking shall be limited to that authorized under Item 100Q and 100R, as applicable. TSPs are responsible for proper packing, unpacking, and safe shipping and handling of any flat screen television. Crate shall remain the property of member/employee.
- e. Billing for crating Flat Screen Televisions in Excess of a 60 Inch Diagonal Screen: When billing for crating, a TSP shall utilize the rate and appropriate item code (100Q or 100R) published in the solicitation. TSP shall only be permitted to bill the actual cubic foot dimensions for the crate (e.g. 4.23 cubic feet), when billing in Central Web Application (CWA). No rounding of cubic dimensions is permitted.
- f. Corrugated Cartons for Flat Screen Televisions Less than 60 Inch Diagonal Size: TSPs are authorized to use corrugated cartons specifically designed to ship Flat Screen Television. TSPs will only be authorized to bill the charge under Item code 100V. No labor or additional charges other than item code 100V will be permitted. When using original manufacturer's shipping container, See Note 11. Corrugated carton shall remain the property of member/employee.

**NOTE 11:** Original container: TSP must utilize the original manufacturer's shipping container, if available and serviceable. TSPs shall specifically annotate on the household goods inventory sheet that the manufacturer's original carton was utilized to pack the flat screen television. No labor or additional charges shall apply.

**NOTE 12:** A TSP shall in no circumstance be permitted to charge the government for a bulky charge for packing, unpacking or shipping flat screen televisions.