

Notice to Carriers requesting payment Of Government Bills of Lading

- All government agencies are required to implement prepayment auditing processes for transportation bills. Although the Coast Guard Finance Center has been sending carrier submitted payment requests (GBLs) to a prepayment auditor since 1995, we now have the option to have these payment requests go directly to the prepayment auditor from the carrier.
- In order to streamline our payment processing, all Transportation Offices, both Freight and Personal Property, issuing GBLs are entering the prepayment auditor's address and the paying finance office agency LOC in block 13 of the Freight GBL or block 21 of the Personal Property GBL. **Carriers are to send their requests for payment directly to the prepayment auditor as indicated in blocks 13 or 21 of the GBLs.** When auditing action is complete, the auditor will forward the bills for payment to the appropriate finance office identified by the agency LOC code entered in blocks 13 or 21.
- The current prepayment auditor is National Traffic Service, 151 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY 14228-1158 and this is the address that will be entered in blocks 13 or 21 of the GBLs. Requests for payment are to be sent to this address.
- **EFFECTIVE 01 October 2000**, the Coast Guard Finance Center will return all requests for payment that are not sent directly to the prepayment auditor if the prepayment auditor was indicated as the address to which payment requests were supposed to be submitted.
- In order to comply with FMR 102-118, dated April 26, 2000, the Coast Guard Finance Center will no longer make payments to Carrier's Agents on supplemental billings. FMR 102-118 mandated the only entity that may be paid on a bill of lading is the named transportation service provider. One bill, one carrier paid effective with invoices received at the Finance Center on or after January 1, 2001. No payments will be made to agents of household goods carriers - only the named carrier will be paid.
- **EFFECTIVE 01 January 2001**, the Coast Guard Finance Center will return all invoices for payments that are requested from the carrier's agent. Payment will only be processed to the transportation provider noted on the GBL.