

## 47.506 Procedures.

(a) The *contracting officer shall* obtain assistance from the transportation activity (see [47.105](#)) in developing appropriate shipping instructions and delivery terms for inclusion in *solicitations* and contracts that *may* involve ocean transportation of *supplies* subject to the requirements of the Cargo Preference Act of 1954 (see [47.502\(a\)\(3\)](#)).

(b) When the contractor notifies the *contracting officer* that a *privately owned U.S.-flag commercial vessel* is not available, the *contracting officer shall* seek assistance from the transportation activity.

(c) For purposes of determining the availability of *privately owned U.S.-flag commercial vessels* at fair and reasonable rates, rates filed and published in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Maritime Commission *may* be accepted as fair and reasonable. When applicable rates for charter cargoes are not in published tariffs, a determination as to whether the rates are fair and reasonable *shall* be obtained from the Maritime Administration.

(d) The Maritime Administration has issued regulations (46 CFR381) that require agencies to submit reports regarding ocean *shipments*. *Contracting officers shall* follow agency regulations when preparing, or furnishing information for, these reports.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 47.5 - Ocean Transportation by U.S.-Flag Vessels](#)