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#### **1. What is the Direct Procurement Method (DPM)?**

The DPM is a method in which the Government manages the shipment throughout the shipping process. Packing, containerization, local drayage, delivery, unpacking, storage and related services are obtained from commercial firms under a contractual arrangement, or by the use of Government facilities and employees.

#### **2. How do I file a Direct Procurement Method (DPM) claim?**

Claims are filed directly with the Transportation Service Provider. The claims and liability procedures for DPM shipments are outlined in the Defense Transportation Regulation (DTR) IV Appendix G: <http://www.transcom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr-part-4-app-g.pdf>.

#### **3. How do I track a Direct Procurement Method (DPM) shipment?**

For a DPM shipment, contact the destination Transportation Office and ask them to trace the shipment when it cannot be determined where it is.

#### **4. What are the weight limits for a Direct Procurement Method (DPM) shipment?**

A member's entitlement is based on their rank and tables are provided in the Joint Forces Travel Regulations (JFTR). Please see below:

Please go to the JFTR, Chapter 5, U5012, Part D at:

[http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/perdiem/JFTR\(Ch1-10\).pdf](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/perdiem/JFTR(Ch1-10).pdf)

and the Defense Travel Regulations (DTR), appendix K at:

[http://www.transcom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr\\_part\\_iv\\_app\\_k\\_1.pdf](http://www.transcom.mil/dtr/part-iv/dtr_part_iv_app_k_1.pdf).

#### **5. Where can I find a list of local Direct Procurement Method (DPM) carriers?**

Surface Deployment and Distribution Command does not keep lists of local carriers along with their current ratings and customer reviews. However, a Quality Assurance person in your local Transportation Office should be able to run a report in Transportation Operational Personal Property Standard System (TOPS) that lists carriers and their current ratings.

**6. Why is there a need for a Direct Procurement Method (DPM)?**

It would not be cost effective for the Government to use the same rate solicitations for local moves that are currently used for worldwide shipments across the globe. Intra-City and Intra-Area Moves (Local moves) are provided for under a DPM contract. DPM contracts are administrated at the local bases. Please contact your local Transportation Office or Personal Property Shipping Office for information on your local DPM contract(s).