

# **Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command**

## **Customer and Carrier Advisory**

**November 15, 2023**

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**Subject:** Request for Information from Department of Defense (DoD) Shippers and Service/Agency Traffic Management Functionals Regarding Data for Government Claims Related to YRC/Roadway Freight Bankruptcy Proceedings

**Purpose:** To inform and advise Military Service/Defense Agency Transportation Officers (TOs)/Traffic Management Staffs and Installation Transportation Offices (ITO) regarding collecting data for government claims related to Transportation Service Provider (TSP) YRC/Roadway Freight (SCAC: RDWY) bankruptcy proceedings.

**Be Advised: Immediate action is requested.** Yellow (e.g., YRC Freight, Holland, Roadway, New Penn, Yellow Logistics) filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection on August 6, 2023. To protect government interests in the bankruptcy proceedings, the DoD needs to consolidate information and evidence supporting a claim for money losses. TOs/ITOs should review their systems and records and gather documentation for claims related to RDWY. In particular, TOs/ITOs should gather documentation related to situations where they spent additional money to deliver and/or retrieve shipments/cargo after RDWY ceased operations and shipments stopped moving. Situations where TOs/ITOs incurred additional costs and the type of documentation ITOs should be collecting would include the following:

1. Each Commercial Bill of Lading (CBL) issued to a new carrier (e.g., Transportation Service Provider) to complete the shipment or retrieve the cargo from a YRC facility and the US Bank Syncada record of payment to that new carrier. The CBL shows estimated transportation charges and Syncada record shows actual cost/payment.
2. Each CBL and US Bank Syncada record for any automatic payments made to RDWY for shipments RDWY did not complete **IF** those payments were not already recouped by the TO via a Syncada eBill claim for overpayment.
3. Each CBL and US Bank Syncada record for any Vehicle-Furnished-Not Used charge where the TO procured a new carrier to complete the shipment/retrieve the cargo and that carrier was prohibited by YRC from picking up the cargo. On 17 September 2023, YRC hired a 3PL to complete all the remaining DoD shipments they had in their possession. YRC did not notify SDDC prior to this process change. As a result, TOs following SDDC's prior guidance could not cancel arrangements they made with other carriers in time to prevent the surcharge.
4. Each Transportation Discrepancy Report (TDR) submitted through the Discrepancy Identification System (DIS) for claims of damaged freight against RDWY.

**A sample spreadsheet of claims data elements/information is attached below.** The spreadsheet and supporting documentation should be provided to the TOs'/ITOs' respective Military Service/Defense Agency Organizational Mailbox identified below. Each TO/ITO should submit a single spreadsheet aggregating all claims – DO NOT submit a separate spreadsheet for each claim.

**DoD must act with a sense of urgency in order to assert its valid claims in the bankruptcy proceedings. The deadline to submit materials to Military Service/Defense Agency POCs is 20 December 2023. The POCs will gather all information for their respective Military Services/Defense Agencies and provide it to DFAS Office of General Counsel (DFAS OGC) by 16 January 2024. DFAS OGC is the organization responsible for submitting a consolidated claim on behalf of DoD to the Department of Justice. Military Service/Defense Agency Transportation Officers/Traffic Management Staffs and Installation Transportation Offices should not submit individual claims in the bankruptcy proceedings; all claims should be routed through Military Service/Defense Agency Organizational Mailboxes at the following respective e-mail addresses:**

- **Army:** [usarmy.belvoir.hqda-otjag.mbx.yellow-bankruptcy@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.belvoir.hqda-otjag.mbx.yellow-bankruptcy@army.mil)
- **Navy/Marines:** [yellow-bankruptcy@us.navy.mil](mailto:yellow-bankruptcy@us.navy.mil)
- **Air Force/Space Force:** [HQAFMC.A4RT.AirForceTPPSPMO@us.af.mil](mailto:HQAFMC.A4RT.AirForceTPPSPMO@us.af.mil)

**Further information about other Defense Agency Organizational Mailboxes will be forthcoming if received.**

**References:**

- DTR, 4500.9-R-Part II, Chapter 211, Loss and Damage Claims Procedures
- DTR, 4500.9-R-Part II, Chapter 212, Third-Party Payment System (TPPS) Procedures
- Voluntary Petition for Yellow Corporation Bankruptcy Filing, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Case 23-11069 (6 August 2023)

**SDDC POC for Advisory:**

SDDC Freight Management Branch:

[usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.g3-domestic-freight-services-branch@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.g3-domestic-freight-services-branch@army.mil)

**Expiration:** N/A

**Category:** Motor



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