

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Customer and Carrier Advisory

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Subject: Transportation Protective Service (TPS) Requirements for the Movement of Tactical Vehicles

Purpose: Remind shippers of TPS requirements for the movement of tactical vehicles.

Be Advised: Shippers must comply with Controlled Item Inventory Code (CIIC)/Security Risk Code (SRC)-driven and other TPS requirements as stated in the Defense Transportation Regulation (DTR), Part II, Chapter 205 when shipping Tactical Vehicles. In the event of shipping items new to the DOD inventory within the procurement or acquisition pipeline, TOs must verify storage and shipping instructions with Service HQ and/or the Item Manager prior to requesting movement.

SDDC G3 has observed an increase in the movement of tactical vehicles without the proper TPS requirements when offered through Spot Bid.

(DTR), Part II, Chapter 205, Paragraph W, identifies specific exceptions for the movement of Strykers, M1-series Abrams Tanks, Avengers, Bradleys, and MRAPs. Shippers should review these exceptions carefully to ensure any vehicle shipped without full TPS meets the criteria outlined in subparagraphs 1-5.

Additionally, shippers shall not reduce the level of TPS required for the previously mentioned items without the prior approval of the project or item manager.

Shippers can always use protective services above and beyond what is required by the project or item manager.

Shippers should pay careful attention to the applicability of 675, Signature and Tally Service. Military tactical vehicle shipments requiring a TPS shall not be brokered (e.g., carriage obtained through freight forwarders, shipper agents, and shipper associations).

Installations protect themselves against the use of brokered Transportation Service Providers (TSP) by the act of specifying the TPS required by their shipment. Doing so ensures only DoD-approved TSPs, authorized to provide TPS, shall have access to the bids.

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