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Getting Started

The General Services Administration's (GSA) Household Goods Tender of Service (HTOS) provides the baseline rules for performing services as a provider in the Centralized Household Goods Management Program (CHAMP). As a Transportation Service Provider (TSP) qualified to participate in providing domestic or international transportation services, you need to be familiar with the contents of this document.

The HTOS is divided into twelve (12) Sections with five (5) Appendices. It follows a logical sequence from an Overview, to how to apply and qualify as a (TSP), through to the Forms and Reports required. The Table of Contents is searchable and keyed to each section, if you are using the document online. We recommend that the document be used online as much as possible. Online use allows you to click on many links to forms. The HTOS is mostly written in plain language. In some cases, however, more complex language is required due to law and regulation. Wherever possible, examples have been included to help define a subject.

TSPs use the HTOS in conjunction with the GSA-01 Tariff and the CHAMP Request for Offers (RFO). The GSA-01 Household Goods Government Rate Tender is published and maintained by GSA. It contains the pricing rules for domestic traffic, linehaul, accessorial services, third party services, Storage-in-Transit (SIT), Unaccompanied Air Baggage (UAB) and Privately Owned Vehicles (POV). The HTOS contains the pricing rules for international accessorial services. The Request for Offers (RFO) is the annual acquisition document available to qualified TSPs. In addition to providing rate filing instructions for CHAMP, it amends and updates the HTOS with specialized requirements by some Agencies. For example, the Veterans Administration and the State Department may desire a higher rate of released value per pound than is the minimum required by the HTOS.

While the HTOS is updated infrequently, the RFO and GSA-01 have changes annually. These three documents, along with Subchapter D of the Federal Management Regulation (41 CFR 102-117 and 102-118) and the Federal Travel Regulation (41 CFR 300-304) together comprise the rules for CHAMP. If you are new to the job, you will need to read all of these documents and understand how they fit together to make up all the rules and regulations governing CHAMP.

Do not be intimidated by these documents. They all fit together logically. It will take some time and study to understand all of the content in each. You can always contact the Program Office with concerns and questions.

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