

NOTICE TO GSA'S HOUSEHOLD GOODS DOMESTIC CUSTOMERS

In late November of 2001, the Household Goods Carriers' Bureau Committee approved a 2% surcharge to offset the rise in insurance premiums to domestic household goods carriers. This increase will take effect with the industry on January 15, 2002. Therefore, beginning January 15, a separate line item representing 2% of the line-haul rate will be added into each agency's transportation billing invoice to compensate for the surcharge.

On February 1, 2002, participating carriers will have an opportunity to submit adjustments to their existing rate files through GSA's supplemental rate filing open window. This will allow GSA's participating domestic carriers the opportunity to submit rate files in accordance with the 2% insurance premium increase. Rate files will become effective May 1, 2002. At that time, the surcharge payment will no longer be a separate line item on an agency's transportation invoice and will be absorbed through the carrier's rate tender.

Also effective May 1, 2002, an additional 3% will be added to the domestic line-haul transportation rates. This amount will also be incorporated into the carrier's rate during the next rate filing open window, and will become effective May 1, 2002.