

**§ 1312.16 Substitution of service.**

If a water or motor carrier (hereafter referred to as Carrier A) desires to have the option of substituting the services of a carrier of a different transportation mode (hereafter referred to as Carrier B) for part of its movement of a shipment, it may do so if:

(a) The shipment moves on the bill of lading that would be used if Carrier A were performing the service;

(b) Carrier A assumes the responsibility for the lading while it is in the possession of Carrier B; and

(c) Movement of the lading has been made prior to, or will be made subsequent to, the service performed by Carrier B.

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**§ 1313.1 Scope; definition of terms.**

(a) This part addresses the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10709 that require rail carriers to file with the Board a summary of each contract for the transportation of agricultural products (including grain, as defined in 7 U.S.C. 75 and products thereof) and that allow complaints to be filed with the Board regarding such contracts.

(b) The provisions of this part do not apply to any transportation that is exempted from the Board's contract regu-

lation pursuant to an exemption issued under 49 U.S.C. 10502 or former 49 U.S.C. 10505 (repealed effective January 1, 1996).

(c) For purposes of this part, the term contract means an agreement, including any amendment thereto, entered into by one or more rail carriers and one or more purchasers of rail services to provide specified transportation of agricultural products (including grain, as defined in 7 U.S.C. 75 and products thereof) under specified rates and conditions. The term amendment includes contract modifications agreed to by the parties.

(d) An amended contract is treated as a new contract under this part. Remedies are revived and review is again available, upon complaint.

**§ 1313.2 Contract summary filing requirement.**

(a) Rail carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board under 49 U.S.C. 10501 must promptly file with the Board a summary of each contract entered into for the transportation of agricultural products.

(b) Contract summaries not in compliance with this part may be rejected by the Board. If a contract summary is rejected, it will be considered as not filed, and the carrier must promptly file a corrected contract summary to replace the rejected summary.

**§ 1313.3 Board review; contract disapproval.**

(a) Board review. (1) No later than 30 days after a contract summary is filed, the Board may, on complaint, begin a proceeding to review such contract on the grounds described in § 1313.9.

(2) If the Board begins a proceeding, it shall determine, within 30 days after the proceeding is commenced, whether the contract is in violation of 49 U.S.C. 10709.

(b) Contract disapproval. If the Board finds that the contract is in violation of 49 U.S.C. 10709, it will:

(1) Disapprove the contract; or

(2) Where the Board finds unreasonable discrimination, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 10709(g)(2)(B)(i), order the contracting carrier(s) to provide to the complainant(s) rates and service