

Chapter PSC 24

TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS, USED
OFFICE EQUIPMENT, AND BUSINESS EQUIPMENT

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PSC 24.01 License amendment. Every contract motor carrier who transports household goods or office furniture in the ordinary course of business and whose license does not specifically authorize such operations, except as provided in subsections (1) and (2), shall cease and desist therefrom.

(1) Contract motor carrier licenses which contain authority described as: "transportation of property within a [named] city or village" or "transportation of property within a [named] city or village and municipalities contiguous thereto" shall be construed as including authority to transport household goods and business equipment within such territory.

(2) Contract motor carrier licenses which authorize the intrastate transportation of used household goods and business equipment *between* municipalities in Wisconsin for persons changing their residences or places of business shall be construed, unless specifically restricted in said license, as including authority to perform similar transportation within the municipality in which the carrier maintains its principal office and within municipalities contiguous thereto.

PSC 24.02 Filing fee. Applications by authorized contract motor carriers for amendments to their licenses to cover transportation of household goods and office equipment for persons changing their places of residence or business shall be received by the commission without filing fee where the applicant shows that he has been deterred from including such request in a previous application made for license or amendment, due to advice from representatives of the commission or due to information that specific authority for such operations was not required by the commission; provided, however, that in all such cases the commission will reserve the right to determine whether or not the facts are such that the request should be considered without fee, and to condition its action upon the application in accordance with such determination.

PSC 24.03 Cargo insurance. Every contract motor carrier who transports household goods or used office equipment as a public carrier thereof within, to, or from any city or village which has a population in excess of 2,000 shall within 60 days of the date hereof procure and thereafter maintain in full force and effect suitable cargo insurance protecting the owner of the property so transported from loss or damage thereto in the amount of not less than \$2,000 per vehicle, and shall not thereafter perform such service unless such insurance is in full force and effect.

PSC 24.04 Insurance coverage. This order, insofar as it requires the maintenance of cargo insurance, shall be deemed to apply only to insurance against damage to cargo resulting from the following sources:

(1) Fire, including self-ignition and internal explosion of the conveyance.

(2) Collision, i.e., accidental collision of the vehicle with any other automobile, vehicle, or object except as hereinbefore specified.

Note: The opinion prefacing this order lists the following exceptions: "excluding damage by collision with a stationary object in backing for loading or unloading purposes, contact with any portion of the roadbed or by striking the rails or ties of street, steam, or electric railroad, or contact by the cargo or any portion thereof with any other object unless the carrying vehicle also collides with such object."

(3) Overturning of vehicle.

(4) Collapse of bridges.

(5) Stranding, sinking, burning, or collision of any regular ferry.

(6) Theft, except as hereinbefore specified.

Note: The opinion prefacing this order excepts pilferage.

PSC 24.05 Individual load. The insurance obtained separately for each individual load carried shall be deemed a compliance with the commission's order of June 1, 1935, insofar as it relates to cargo insurance.

PSC 24.06 Gross weight. This order shall not apply to movements of used household goods or office equipment of a gross weight of less than 500 pounds.

PSC 24.07 Bills of lading. After 60 days from date of this order, every contract motor carrier engaged in the business of moving household goods or used office equipment shall issue and keep a bill of lading or other written memorandum serially numbered as to each such shipment in triplicate, one copy to be furnished to the shipper, one copy to be carried on the truck during transit, and one copy to be retained in the carrier's records, each such memorandum to show the name of the carrier, the name and address of the shipper, the origin and destination of the shipment, the rate and charges made for the transportation, the time of the commencement of the operation for performing the same, and the declared value of the shipment.