

COAST GUARD POLICY CONCERNING PRIVATE INSURANCE ON HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1. If you have private insurance you **DO NOT HAVE TO FILE** your claim with your private insurance company **IF** your claim is for loss/damage to your personal property while it was being shipped or stored at government expense. However, you may want to consider the following issues when deciding whether or not to file with your private insurance company:

(a) Your private insurance company will most likely pay you the full replacement value for lost or missing items rather than the fair market value (depreciated value replacement cost) the government is authorized to pay. Under FRV the government will pay DVRC and assert the TSP/Carrier FRV. When the government recovers FRV you will be compensated the difference between FRV and DVRC.

(b) The Government has limits on both the total amount it can pay and on how much it can pay for certain types of property. (Examples: Linens - \$400.00 per item and \$2,000.00 per claim, the government cannot pay more than \$3,000.00 per claim for CD's/DVD's or more than \$3,000.00 for a computer and its accessories.)

(c) The private insurance may pay for items the Government cannot. For example, we do not pay for items that are purchased or used for the operation of a private business.

2. If you choose to file a claim with your private insurance company you **MUST** file with your insurer **BEFORE** filing a claim with the U.S. Government. The claim with the insurance company **MUST** be settled before the Coast Guard can consider your claim. If your insurance will not cover the loss/damage, indicate this and attach a copy of the Declaration page from your insurance company.

3. The Military Claims Officer cannot pay insurance deductibles.

4. If you have any questions about filing a claim with your private insurance company, contact the company directly. Claims personnel are not authorized to counsel you regarding private insurance coverage.