

# MOTOR CARGO

## MOTOR CARGO SERVICE REQUEST AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS CONTRACT

This Contract establishes your legal obligations with regard to the property described herein being shipped with Freeman. It specifically limits your rights and possible recovery if your property is lost or damaged. You must accept all terms and conditions of this Contract. You confirm that you have read and agree with all the terms and conditions of this Contract by signing page one of this document or electronic acknowledgment of receipt without contest. This Contract may not be waived or varied, except in writing, and then only by an authorized representative of Freeman.

1. **DEFINITIONS.** In this Contract, "Freeman" means Freeman Decorating Services, Inc., and its respective employees, officers, directors, agents, assigns, affiliated companies, and related entities including any contractors appointed by Freeman. The term "Shipper" means the person or business for whom the property is being transported, and includes their respective employees, officers, directors, agents, assigns, affiliated companies, and contractors appointed by the Shipper, excluding only Freeman. "Property" is all objects of any type received from the Shipper for transport by Freeman as described herein. "Consignee" is the party to whom Shipper has designated the goods are to be delivered.

2. **FINAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE PARTIES.** In exchange for Shipper's payments and Freeman's services, which the parties have specified in this two-page Contract, Freeman and Shipper each agree that this Contract shall govern their respective rights and obligations regarding transportation of Shipper's property. This Contract shall take effect when the property first comes into the physical possession of Freeman, and the responsibility of Freeman under same shall end when the property has been placed in the possession of the Consignee or the Consignee's designated agent. If any part or provision of this Contract is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, the remainder of the Contract shall continue in full force and effect.

3. **Freeman's RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE CONTRACT ARE LIMITED.** Freeman is responsible for the satisfactory performance of only those services which it directly provides under this Contract. Freeman shall not be responsible for the performance of individuals or firms who are not under the direct supervision or control of Freeman. Freeman shall not be responsible for events or causes of loss, delay, or damage beyond its reasonable control, including (by way of illustration only, and not as a limitation on the breadth of this clause), strike, lockout, work slowdown or stoppage, power failure, breakdown of plant or machinery, facility failure, vandalism, theft, Act of God, effect of natural elements, riot, civil commotion or disturbance, terrorism, act of war or belligerent parties, and any other cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of Freeman. Freeman shall not be liable for delay caused by highway obstructions, or faulty or impassable highways, or lack of capacity of any highway, bridge, or ferry, or caused by breakdown or mechanical defects of vehicles or equipment, or from any cause other than the negligence of Freeman. Freeman shall not be bound to transport by any particular schedule, means, vehicle or otherwise, other than with reasonable dispatch.

4. **PACKAGING AND CRATES.** Shipper's property must be well packaged for safe and secure handling, storage and shipment using ordinary care. Freeman makes neither representation nor any warranty regarding the acceptability or suitability of any packaging system or procedure that Shipper might use for its property. General guidance as to acceptable packaging systems and procedures may be found in publications such as the National Motor Freight Classification, published by the National Motor Freight Traffic Association.

5. **PERISHABLE GOODS.** Goods of a perishable nature are carried in dry trailers without environmental or atmospheric control or other special services unless Shipper states on the face of the "Service Request and Shipping Instructions" that the goods are to be carried in a refrigerated, heated, specially ventilated or otherwise specially equipped trailer. This carriage is subject to the special services and charges offered in the Freeman tariff. Shipper is responsible for bringing the goods to the proper temperature before loading the goods into the trailer, for the proper stowage of the goods within the trailer, and for setting the temperature (including maintenance and repair), during all times after the trailer is spotted by Freeman and before the trailer is received by Freeman. Freeman is not responsible for product deterioration caused by inherent vice, defects in the merchandise or transit times in excess of product shelf life. Refrigerated, heated, specially ventilated or otherwise specially equipped trailers are not equipped to change the temperature of goods (they are equipped only to maintain temperature). Shipper will give written notice of requested temperature setting of the thermostatic controls before receipt of the goods by Freeman. When a loaded trailer is received, Freeman will verify that the thermostatic controls are set to maintain trailer temperature as requested. Freeman is unable to determine whether the goods were at the proper temperature when they were loaded into the trailer or when the trailer is delivered to Freeman. Air temperature at the unit sensor will be maintained within a proper range of plus or minus 5 degrees Fahrenheit of the temperature requested by Shipper on the face of the "Service Request and Shipping Instructions" if the goods were at that temperature when loaded into the container and if the temperature controls were properly set when the container was loaded.

6. **REFUSED SHIPMENTS.** If the Consignee refuses a shipment tendered for delivery or if Freeman is unable to deliver a shipment because of fault or mistake of the Consignor or Consignee, Freeman's liability shall then become that of a warehouseman.

(a) Freeman shall promptly attempt to provide notice, by telephonic, electronic or written communication as provided on the face of these shipping instructions, if so indicated, to Shipper or the party, if any, designated in these instructions to receive notice.

(b) Storage charges, based on Freeman's tariff, shall start no sooner than the next business day following the attempted notification. Storage may be, at Freeman's option, in any location that provides reasonable protection against loss or damage. Freeman may place the shipment in public storage at the owner's expense and without liability to Freeman.

(c) If Freeman does not receive disposition instructions within 48 hours of the time of Freeman's attempted first notification, Freeman will attempt to issue a second and final confirmed notification. Such notice shall advise that if Freeman does not receive disposition instructions within 10 days of that notification, Freeman may offer the shipment for sale at a public auction and Freeman has the right to offer the shipment for sale. The amount of sale will be applied to Freeman's invoice for transportation, storage and other lawful charges. Shipper will be responsible for the balance of charges not covered by the sale of the goods. If there is a balance remaining after all charges and expenses are paid, such balance will be paid to the owner of the property sold hereunder, upon claim and proof of ownership.

(d) Where Freeman has attempted to follow the procedure set forth above and the procedure is not possible, nothing shall be construed to abridge the right of Freeman, at its option, to sell the property under such circumstances and in such manner as may be authorized by law.

(e) When perishable goods cannot be delivered and disposition is not given within a reasonable time, Freeman may dispose of property to the best advantage. When Freeman is directed by Consignee or Consignor to unload or deliver property at a particular location where Consignor, Consignee, or the Agent of either is not regularly located, Freeman's liability for the shipment shall terminate after unloading or delivery.

7. **INSURANCE. Freeman IS NOT AN INSURER.** Shipper is responsible for obtaining insurance for its property. Freeman provides no insurance for Shipper or its property.

8. **LIMITATION ON SHIPPER'S RECOVERABLE DAMAGES.** Shipper understands that even if Shipper's property is lost, stolen, or damaged, Freeman does not pay replacement or restoration cost of any property. FREEMAN'S MAXIMUM LIABILITY SHALL BE THE AMOUNT OF PROVEN ACTUAL VALUE NOT EXCEEDING THE LOWER OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE (THE "FAIR MARKET VALUE" EQUALS THE AS IS WHERE IS PRICE FOR THE PROPERTY AT THE LOCATION OF THE SHOW TO WHICH PRICE A WILLING BUYER AND A WILLING SELLER WOULD AGREE IN AN ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS, ARM'S LENGTH SALE.) OR \$5.00 (USD) PER POUND OF CARGO LOST OR DAMAGED UNLESS AT THE TIME OF SHIPMENT SHIPPER MAKES A DECLARATION OF VALUE FOR CARRIAGE IN THE SPACE DESIGNATED ON THE SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS AND PAYS THE APPROPRIATE VALUATION CHARGE. Even if Shipper has made a declaration of value, liability shall never exceed the depreciated original invoice value or the fair market value of the property, whichever is less. The value per pound for applying declared valuation charges shall be determined by dividing Shipper's declared value for carriage by the actual weight of the shipment. In all cases not prohibited by law, where a lower value than the actual value of the said property has been stated in writing by Shipper or has been agreed upon in writing as the released value of the property upon which the rate is based, such lower value plus freight charges, if paid, shall be the maximum recoverable amount for loss or damage. **Notwithstanding the above limitations, all shipments containing the following items of extraordinary value are limited to a maximum declared value of \$500.00 (USD):**

(a) Artworks and objects of art, including without limitation, original paintings, drawings, etchings, watercolors, tapestries and sculptures;

(b) Clocks, jewelry, including costume jewelry, furs, and fur-trimmed clothing;

(c) Personal effects, including without limitation, papers and documents;

(d) Coin money, currency, gift certificates, debit cards, credit cards, and any other items of extraordinary value.

Any declared value in excess of the maximums allowed herein is null and void, and the acceptance by Freeman for carriage of any shipment with a declared value in excess of the allowed maximums does not constitute a waiver of these maximums. In any event, **Freeman's MAXIMUM LIABILITY WILL NEVER BE MORE THAN \$20,000 PER SHIPMENT.** Shipper understands that even if Shipper is not able to participate or fully participate in a Show due to loss of, theft of, or damage to their property, Freeman shall not be liable or responsible for damages identified by the terms (by way of example only and not in limitation of the breadth of this clause) such as the following: consequential damages, loss of use damages, loss of profits damages, business interruption damages, delay damages, special damages, collateral damages, exemplary damages, damages awarded for gross negligence, direct damages, indirect damages, or damages for failure of performance, breach of contract damages, fraud damages, or any other sort of damage for tort or breach of contract. This limitation shall bind the parties

(a) whenever or wherever the claimed loss or damage may occur;

(b) even though the alleged loss or damage is claimed to result from negligence, strict liability, products liability, breach of contract, breach of statute or regulation, or any other legal theory or cause, and;

(c) even though Freeman may have been advised or be on notice of the possibility or even the probability of such damages.

9. **SHIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND INDEMNIFICATION:**

(a) Shipper must pay in full for the services rendered under this Agreement at the time the services are requested. The existence of a dispute between Shipper and Freeman relative to any claim or other matter shall have no bearing on this duty of payment. No claim may be submitted by or on behalf of Shipper to Freeman unless Shipper's account is current.

(b) Shipper understands and acknowledges that Freeman does not accept or transport illegal or hazardous materials of any kind or nature. Shipper warrants and will ensure that its property is inert, and contains no Hazardous Substances, Hazardous Materials, Chemicals, Gasses, Explosives, Radioactive Materials, Biologically hazardous agents, or any other substance, matter or object in any form that could pose a threat to the health or safety of persons, property, or the public welfare in general. Such goods may be warehoused at owner's risk and expense or destroyed without compensation.

(c) Shipper shall defend and indemnify Freeman, its employees, directors, officers, and agents from and against any and all demands, claims, causes of action, fines, penalties, damages (including consequential), liabilities, judgments, and expenses (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees and investigation costs) on account of personal injury, death, or damage to or loss of property or profits arising out of or contributed to by any of the following: Shipper's negligence, willful misconduct, or deliberate act; Shipper's violation of Federal, State, County or Local ordinances; Shipper's violation of Show Regulations and/or Rules as published and set forth by Facility and/or Show Management; and/or Shipper's failure to comply with subsection (b) of this section regarding the inclusion of any dangerous substances in the property placed with Freeman.

10. **CLAIMS.** Claims must be filed in writing within nine (9) months after the date of delivery of the property (or in the case of export traffic, within nine (9) months after delivery at the port of export), except that claims for failure to make delivery must be filed within nine (9) months after a reasonable time for delivery has elapsed. Suits for loss, damage, or delay shall be instituted against Freeman no later than two (2) years and one (1) day from the day when written notice is given by Freeman to the claimant that Freeman has disallowed the claim or any part or parts of the claim specified in the notice. Shipper shall deliver notice of claim for loss or damage by hand, U.S. mail, courier, facsimile, or electronic means to Freeman Exhibit Transportation, Cargo Claim Department, P.O. Box 560288, Dallas, TX 75360-0288 as soon as loss or damage is discovered. The notice of claim shall invite a prompt joint survey of the damage, at a time and place to be agreed between the parties, and such survey shall go forward promptly. However, if in any case the property is received by the Consignee or the Consignee's agent without notice of loss or damage to property being served on Freeman within 72 hours of the receipt of the property, it is agreed between Freeman and Shipper that in that instance the presumption shall arise that the property was delivered in proper quantity and in good condition. Claims filed more than nine (9) months following the date on which the property was delivered or should have been delivered are agreed to be forever time barred.

11. **CHOICE OF FORUM / ARBITRATION.** THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO ITS CONFLICT OF LAWS RULES. EXCLUSIVE VENUE FOR ALL DISPUTES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT SHALL RESIDE IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION IN DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, shall be settled by arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Commercial Arbitration Rules and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered by any court having jurisdiction thereof.

12. **MISCELLANEOUS.** (a) Shipper warrants the accuracy of the weight and dimension data furnished in this Contract; (b) Shipper understands that once its property is shipped by Freeman pursuant to the instructions contained in this Contract, Shipper has no right to control the shipment, stop the shipment in transit, or divert or reschedule same. (c) Shipper agrees that this Contract may be provided to any third party, including common or contract carriers of cargo by air, water, rail, or road, for the purpose of confirming the right of Freeman to control the handling of the property and all matters related to payment for the shipment