

§ 13304. Service of process in court proceedings

(a) DESIGNATION OF AGENT.—A motor carrier or broker providing transportation subject to jurisdiction under chapter 135, including a motor carrier or broker operating within the United States while providing transportation between places in a foreign country or between a place in one foreign country and a place in another foreign country, shall designate an agent in each State in which it operates by name and post office address on whom process issued by a court with subject matter jurisdiction may be served in an action brought against that carrier or broker. The designation shall be in writing and filed with the Department of Transportation and each State in which the carrier operates may require that an additional designation be filed with it. If a designation under this subsection is not made, service may be made on any agent of the carrier or broker within that State.

(b) CHANGE.—A designation under this section may be changed at any time in the same manner as originally made.

(Added Pub. L. 104-88, title I, §103, Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 858.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 10330 of this title prior to the general amendment of this subtitle by Pub. L. 104-88, §102(a).

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SUBCHAPTER I—MOTOR CARRIER TRANSPORTATION

§ 13501. General jurisdiction

The Secretary and the Board have jurisdiction, as specified in this part, over transportation by motor carrier and the procurement of that transportation, to the extent that passengers, property, or both, are transported by motor carrier—

(1) between a place in—

- (A) a State and a place in another State;
- (B) a State and another place in the same State through another State;
- (C) the United States and a place in a territory or possession of the United States to the extent the transportation is in the United States;
- (D) the United States and another place in the United States through a foreign country to the extent the transportation is in the United States; or
- (E) the United States and a place in a foreign country to the extent the transportation is in the United States; and

(2) in a reservation under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States or on a public highway.

(Added Pub. L. 104-88, title I, §103, Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 859.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 10521 of this title prior to the general amendment of this subtitle by Pub. L. 104-88, §102(a).

EFFECTIVE DATE

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§ 13502. Exempt transportation between Alaska and other States

To the extent that transportation by a motor carrier between a place in Alaska and a place in another State under section 13501 is provided in a foreign country—

- (1) neither the Secretary nor the Board has jurisdiction to impose a requirement over conduct of the motor carrier in the foreign country conflicting with a requirement of that country; but
- (2) the motor carrier, as a condition of providing transportation in the United States, shall comply, with respect to all transportation provided between Alaska and the other State, with the requirements of this part related to rates and practices applicable to the transportation.

(Added Pub. L. 104-88, title I, §103, Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 859.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 10522 of this title prior to the general amendment of this subtitle by Pub. L. 104-88, §102(a).

§ 13503. Exempt motor vehicle transportation in terminal areas

(a) TRANSPORTATION BY CARRIERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Neither the Secretary nor the Board has jurisdiction under this subchapter over transportation by motor vehicle provided in a terminal area when the transportation—

- (A) is a transfer, collection, or delivery;
- (B) is provided by—
 - (i) a rail carrier subject to jurisdiction under chapter 105;
 - (ii) a water carrier subject to jurisdiction under subchapter II of this chapter; or