nature, such as may involve physical or mental health, death of a member of the immediate family, or obligation imposed by authority or circumstances over which the individual has no control

- (b) Under regulations prescribed under section 5738 of this title, an agency shall reimburse from its appropriations an employee whose post of duty is outside the continental United States for the proper transportation expenses of returning his immediate family and his household goods and personal effects to the United States, when—
 - (1) their return was made at the expense of the employee before his return and for other than reasons of public interest; and
 - (2) he acquires eligibility for those transportation expenses.
- (c) This section does not apply to appropriations for the Foreign Service of the United States.

(Pub. L. 89–554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 505; Pub. L. 104–201, div. A, title XVII, §1723(b)(1), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2759; Pub. L. 105–264, §6(9), Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2356.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Derivation	U.S. Code	Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large
	5 U.S.C. 73b–3(a) (5th and 6th provisos).	Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1155 (less 1st proviso), 68 Stat. 1008.

The first 14 words of subsections (a) and (b), and subsection (c), are added on authority of former section 73b–3(a) (less 3d–6th provisos), which is carried into section 5722. The words "household effects" and "household goods" in the 5th and 6th provisos of former section 73b–3(a) are changed to "household goods and personal effects" for clarity and consistency in the use of the words elsewhere in this subchapter.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 105–264 struck out "or its territories or possessions" after "to the United States".

1996—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 104–201 substituted "Under regulations prescribed under section 5738 of this title" for "Under such regulations as the President may prescribe".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104–201 effective 180 days after Sept. 23, 1996, see section 1725(a) of Pub. L. 104–201, set out as a note under section 5722 of this title.

§ 5730. Funds available

Funds available for travel expenses of an employee are available for expenses of transportation of his immediate family, and funds available for transportation of things are available for transportation of household goods and personal effects, as authorized by this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 89–554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 506.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Derivation	U.S. Code	Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large
	5 U.S.C. 73b–1(c).	Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 744, §1(c). 60 Stat. 807.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

§ 5731. Expenses limited to lowest first-class rate

- (a) The allowance for actual expenses for transportation may not exceed the lowest first-class rate by the transportation facility used unless it is certified, in accordance with regulations prescribed under section 5738 of this title, that—
 - (1) lowest first-class accommodations are not available: or
 - (2) use of a compartment or other accommodation authorized or approved by the head of the agency concerned or his designee is required for security purposes.
- (b) Instead of the maximum fixed by subsection (a) of this section, the allowance to an employee of the Government for actual expenses for transportation on an inter-island steamship in Hawaii may not exceed the rate for accommodations on the steamship that is equivalent as nearly as possible to the rate for the lowest first-class accommodations on trans-pacific steamships.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 506; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title XVII, \$1723(b)(4), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2759; Pub. L. 105-264, \$6(10), Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2356.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Derivation	U.S. Code	Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large
(a)	5 U.S.C. 73b.	Mar. 3, 1933, ch. 212, §10, 47 Stat. 1516. Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 744, §6, 60
(b)	5 U.S.C. 73e.	Stat. 808. May 28, 1938, ch. 289, §811, 52 Stat. 577.

In subsection (a), the words "by or under authority of law" are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b), the words "by or under authority of law" are omitted as surplusage. The words "after the date of the enactment of this Act" are omitted as obso-

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105–264 substituted "Government" for "United States".

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104–201 substituted "in accordance with regulations prescribed under section 5738 of this title" for "in accordance with regulations prescribed by the President".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104–201 effective 180 days after Sept. 23, 1996, see section 1725(a) of Pub. L. 104–201, set out as a note under section 5722 of this title.

§ 5732. General average contribution; payment or reimbursement

Under such regulations as the President may prescribe, appropriations chargeable for the transportation of baggage and household goods and personal effects of employees of the Government, volunteers as defined by section 8142(a) of this title, and members of the uniformed services are available for the payment or reimburse-