

SAM—TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

DEMURRAGE

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Usually only a fixed time is allowed by the carrier for loading or unloading of rail cars, trucks or trailers, or other types of transportation. If it takes longer, the carrier will bill for the extra time. Therefore, you must make every effort to load and unload within these time periods to avoid payment of large penalties.

For truck or trailer shipments weighing 10,000 pounds or more, this charge is based on the amount of time over eight minutes per ton. Carriers also may charge for standby time for drivers and equipment waiting for dock space to load or unload trucks or trailers. You can avoid or minimize crowding by scheduling your pickups and deliveries with the carriers in advance.

You must require your carrier to present separate bills for demurrage, detention, or standby charges directly to the shippers or consignees when your agency is paying the freight charges but was not responsible for such delays.