

## 47.305-15 Loading responsibilities of contractors.

(a)

(1) Contractors are responsible for loading, blocking, and bracing carload *shipments* as specified in standards published by the Association of American Railroads.

(2) The *contracting officer shall* insert in *solicitations* and contracts the clause at [52.247-58](#), Loading, Blocking, and Bracing of *Freight Car Shipments*, when *supplies may* be shipped in carload lots by rail.

(b) If the nature of the *supplies* or safety, environmental, or transportability factors require special methods for securing the *supplies* on the *carrier's* equipment, or if only a special mode of transportation or type vehicle is appropriate, the *contracting officer shall* include in *solicitations* detailed specifications that have been coordinated with the transportation office.

**Parent topic:** [47.305 Solicitation provisions, contract clauses, and transportation factors.](#)