

UNDERSTANDING FREIGHT SHIPPING FEES



You're probably already aware of the many variables that affect your freight shipping rate, such as weight, density, class and capacity. But did you know that your shipment is also subject to accessorial fees?

What are accessorials?

Accessorials are additional charges for services that are not included in standard shipping rates. By understanding common accessorial charges, you can get the most accurate quotes and plan ahead for any additional shipping expenses.

Unishippers is here to help you anticipate extra fees with our handy guide to accurate freight quotes. We've covered the most common accessorial fees that affect businesses like yours.

REDELIVERY CHARGE

If the carrier attempts to make a delivery but is turned away by the receiver, a redelivery charge will be incurred. This charge is also applied if no one is available to accept a delivery or if the delivery address is changed to a new location. Avoid this charge by confirming delivery details on your bill of lading with your shipment receiver.

LIFTGATE DELIVERY CHARGE

If your consignee does not have a dock, they will need a liftgate to load or unload your shipment. Make sure your shipment receiver communicates accurate information about their dock situation and requirements. Schedule a liftgate pickup or delivery when necessary to avoid delivery delays and additional charges.

INSIDE PICKUP OR DELIVERY FEE

If your freight needs to be picked up or delivered inside a commercial location rather than a receiving area, there will be an additional charge. Make sure to indicate on your bill of lading whether your freight needs an inside pickup or delivery for the most accurate freight quote. Avoid this fee by specifying where in the building or on what side of the building your shipment should be received.

APPOINTMENT, NOTIFY, OR CHECK CALL CHARGE

This charge is added when the carrier needs to contact the recipient to set up an appointment. Confirm that your consignee needs a delivery appointment and make sure to note this on your bill of lading to avoid this charge on your final invoice.

VEHICLE NOT USED FEE

If your shipment is not ready when the driver arrives for a scheduled pickup, you will be charged a fee. Avoid this fee by canceling or rescheduling pickups before the driver is dispatched.

Ship Smarter With Unishippers

Understand what shipping situations necessitate accessorial fees so you can anticipate shipping costs more accurately and avoid billing surprises.

We've covered the most common accessorial fees, but there are other charges that could impact your shipping costs. For a complete list, **contact Unishippers today.**