



LEGAL BRIEFS

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SHIPMENT OF PROPANE TANKS

After noting that a number of recent household goods claims involved the loss of propane tanks which are used on portable gas barbecue grills, we made some inquiries and found out that Military Traffic Management Command [MTMC] had issued a new rule that became effective May 1, 2000, prohibiting the shipment of propane tanks in household goods shipments, even if the tanks have been "purged." This means that those members who own such grills will be faced with finding another disposition for the tanks once they begin getting their households ready to move. The movers should be informing shippers that they cannot take such tanks, but it is possible that the worker bees have not gotten the word, and, although the barbecue is accepted at pick-up, removal of the tank occurs either at the warehouse, or storage facility, when higher level employees discover that the tank is still on the grill. Based upon this guidance from MTMC the loss of propane tanks will no longer be payable under the claims regulation.