



## STB Final Decision

January 1, 2008 marked the end of AMSA's antitrust immunity for collective ratemaking activity when the Surface Transportation Board did not renew their Collective Ratemaking Agreement. Following this decision, AMSA dissolved the Household Goods Carriers' Bureau Committee and ceased publication of tariffs.

What does this mean?

Carriers must now publish their own rules and rates meaning they will all have their own tariffs. This will soon make it very difficult to benchmark pricing because the pricing mechanisms and rules will vary widely. During this transition time, many carriers and clients have extended their existing agreements allowing time to fully assess the situation.

This new era requires technology that provides all the tools needed to ensure the best purchasing decisions are made on every shipment. And, as always, Parsifal is on the leading edge with new technology to provide:

- The ability to compare carrier service quality against the cost of transport
- The ability to compare the cost and transit time between standard transport modes and domestic lift van pack, PODS, etc.
- Streamlining of the billing and audit processes

Please contact us for more information.

