Books, 3,312 lb

Overcharge

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Seal Beach, CA to Indianapolis, IN

Carrier billed	**$360.35**
Supported charge	**$341.80**
Overcharge	**$18.55**

Charge breakdown

Charge / result	Billed	Supported	Variance
Freight charge Overcharge	$360.35	$341.80	$18.55

Why

The carrier used the wrong LTL weight scale.

The math

3,312 lb = 33.12 cwt

Quoted rate at the 2,000-lb scale: $10.32 per cwt

33.12 × $10.32 = $341.80

$360.35 − $341.80 = $18.55

What to do next

Confirm the same governing terms and shipment facts. If they support the finding, ask the carrier to review the $18.55 overcharge for dispute or credit.

Files reviewed

Findings apply to the submitted sources and charges reviewed.

Source ID	Document / original filename	Status
D001	GAO decision (preserved summary) sources/b-199805.md	Used in finding

Source reference appendix

Source: U.S. GAO decision B-199805, https://www.gao.gov/products/b-199805-0. Excerpts reproduce an abridged public decision summary. This illustration uses the published decision's findings; it is not a new review of original shipment documents.

Ref.	Source	Location	Evidence
[1]	D001 GAO decision (preserved summary)	Shipment and amounts	**[1]** Record: carrier collected $360.35 (Aug 1978) for books, NOI, Seal Beach, CA → Indianapolis, IN. Received 1978-07-25, weight 3,312 lb. GSA applicable charges $341.80, Notice of Overcharge $18.55, deducted after refusal.
[2]	D001 GAO decision (preserved summary)	Applied rate	**[2]** GSA applied $9.60 rate (adjusted to $10.32/100 lb for general increase), Class 55 column, 2,000-lb weight-scale line, selected because shipment weighed 3,312 lb.
[3]	D001 GAO decision (preserved summary)	Decision	**[3]** Holding: tariffs construed by language; LTL in usual sense = below vehicle capacity, below TL minimum. Classification governs via Item 100-1 → Q20 Item 100. NMFC Items 161560/161580 give books NOI TL minimum 30,000 lb; all scales LTL–20M (<30,000) are LTL quantities under Note 1. Note 1 speaks to rates; Scale column speaks to quantities. Item 3860 Note 1 restricts to shipments ≥500 lb rated at 500 lb (scales 5C–20M; Scale LTL excluded for >500 lb). GSA properly applied Class 55 rate for 2,000-lb scale. Settlement sustained.