

Section 2.41

Deposits

A number of consumable products are sold either packed or stored in reusable containers. Often a separate container deposit is required. TPASS does not consider these charges in its evaluation if the total deposit is to be refunded upon return of the container.

TPASS will show the deposit amount on the purchase order. Return transportation will also be included in the original purchase price, unless otherwise shown on the purchase order or contract notice.

The agency should return the container and collect the deposit. When submitting payment through the USAS system the deposit should be referred to as "**demurrage**" (per the Comptroller of Public Accounts, Claims Division). Listed below is sample language used in TPASS bid specifications for deposits:

"If returnable _____ is bid, please quote _____ deposit separate from the price of the above material. The _____ deposit is to be refunded to the (agency) upon return of the _____ for \$ _____. The _____ may be picked up by the vendor or it will be returned freight collect."