

**GENERAL EFFICIENCY/SUITABILITY RATINGS  
OF ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION**

NATURE OF GOODS	MODAL ALTERNATIVES			
	AIR	HIGHWAY	RAIL	MARINE
a) high value goods	high	medium	low	low
b) low value goods	low	medium	high	high
c) perishable goods	high	medium	low	low
d) goods required urgently	high	medium	low	low
e) small packages	high	medium	low	low
f) fragile goods	high	medium	low	low
g) bulk/granular commodities	low	medium	high	high
h) outsize shipments	low	medium	high	medium
i) low weight per cubic foot	low	medium	medium	medium
j) very heavy commodities	low	medium	high	high