

Star Truck

There's no Great Galactic Federation out there, just a commission to ensure new planetary systems get the standard anti-pirate and anti-asteroid defense grids. After that, we're all strictly on our own. Earth didn't even have to form a world government!

There's commerce, though. The galaxy has seven recognized 'standard' ecosystems, and Earth's is a #4. We trade with the other #4s: in a galaxy with ample resources, the best trade goods are mass-produced crap, because at least it's *alien* mass-produced crap. Good money in it.

So this is why I drive a truck now. At least it's a *space* truck...

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