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The Department of Transportation today announced publication of a standard transportation commodity description and code thesaurus for use in domestic and international trade.

The report, A Standard Transportation Commodity Description and Code System -- Phase III Report, was prepared for the Department by the Transportation Data Coordinating Committee, a non-profit organization.

The report contains several thousand commodity categories, all of which have been harmonized to meet domestic and international trade and transport needs. Harmonization of the remaining categories of commodities will complete the work on the U.S. Transportation Commodity Description and Code Thesaurus.

The initial work on these remaining categories is now completed and will be covered in the Phase IV Report which will be available later this year.

Copies of A Standard Transportation Commodity Description and Code System -- Phase III may be obtained from: National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22151; price is \$10.

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