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NOTICES AND AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED DURING OCTOBER

HM-103 Hazard Information System (37 F.R. 21857 - 10/14/72). The time for filing comments in this docket was extended from October 9 to November 14, 1972.

HM-95 Amendment No. 177-22 (37 F.R. 21531 - 10/12/72). This amendment is to prohibit the transportation of blasting caps in the same motor vehicle with other explosives (except Class C explosives) except under conditions approved by the Department

The closing date for filing comments in the following docket falls during November:

HM-104 Notice No. 72-10 November 7, 1972

The closing date for filing comments in the following docket falls during December:

HM-102 Notice No. 72-7 December 5, 1972

Notice of Special Permits issued or denied during October 1972 (37 F.R. 11/11/72).

CARRIER AND SHIPPER FINED

Violations of the Hazardous Materials Regulations reported by the Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety have resulted in recent convictions of a shipper and motor carrier.

The charges and fines assessed include:

1. Failure to properly classify shipments of hazardous materials - \$350.00, and

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2. Failing to properly placard a motor vehicle containing hazardous materials and transporting a Class B poison in the same vehicle with foodstuffs - \$800.00.

MC 330 AND 331 CARGO TANKS

Section 173.33 (i) (1) specifies that "....The connections or lines on each side of the excess-flow valve, including valves, fittings, etc., shall have a greater capacity than the rated flow of the excess-flow valve."

Carriers should check their cargo tanks to assure themselves they are in compliance with this requirement. Someone not fully knowledgeable of this regulation, or its purpose, might have installed a valve or some piping of lower capacity than the rated flow of the excess-flow (slug) valve thereby rendering it useless. Needless to say, the consequences could be severe if such a valve were inoperable in an accident involving damage to down-stream piping.

SHIPPING PAPERS - SECTION 173.427

Shippers are reminded that abbreviations must not be used in the required description of hazardous materials on their shipping papers. The complete shipping name of the material, as listed in Roman type in section 172.5, and its classification, as shown in the column on the right in section 172.4, must be shown.

ILLUSTRATION: Dynamite is not a shipping name since it is listed in italics. Its correct shipping name is "High Explosives." The classification that must be shown for dynamite is "Class A explosives," not "Explosives A." However, there is a provision in section 173.427 (a) authorizing the addition of further descriptive information if it is not inconsistent with the required entry. An example, along with the required entry, would be as follows:

High explosives, Class A explosives
60% std gel dynamite

SEMINARS--TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BY AIR

The Office of Hazardous Materials and the Federal Aviation Administration will co-sponsor two one-day seminars in Atlanta, Georgia, and two one-day seminars in Miami, Florida during the month of December. The dates and contacts are as follows:

Atlanta, Georgia
December 11 and 12, 1972

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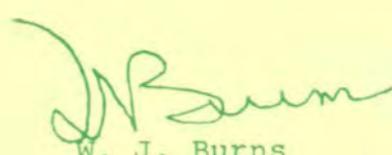
Miami, Florida
December 14 and 15, 1972

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Miami, Florida 33159
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NOTE: Persons interested in attending one of these seminars should contact the appropriate coordinator listed above. Registration will be limited to permit as much individual participation as possible. These seminars are conducted in an effort to assist air carriers, air freight forwarders, shippers, and other interested personnel in understanding and complying with the DOT Hazardous Materials Regulations.

Additional seminars are being planned for the northeast area (New York and Boston). Specific details will be announced in a later Newsletter. Those interested in this area may contact:

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