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## NOTICES AND AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED DURING JANUARY

HM-103; Notice No. 73-10A (40 F.R. 4183 - 1/28/75). This Notice of Public Hearing gives the time and location of the Hearing to be held on February 11 and 12, 1975 regarding a "Hazardous Materials Manifest."

HM-112; Notice No. 73-9 (40 F.R. 4329 - 1/29/75). This is a Notice of Public Hearing regarding Hazardous Materials Aboard Aircraft to be held on February 10, 1975.

Notice of Special Permits issued or denied during January 1975 (40 F.R. - 2/10/75).

## NEW CODE IS AVAILABLE

The new Code of Federal Regulations covering the Hazardous Materials Regulations, Title 49, Parts 100 to 199, is now available at the Government Printing Office. When ordering please use the following title:

Code of Federal Regulations  
Title 49--Transportation  
Parts 100 to 199  
October 1, 1974

and enclose your check, in the amount of \$7.20 made out to the "Superintendent of Documents," and mail to:

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## INDEX TO THE CODE

"An Index to the Hazardous Materials Regulations (October 1, 1974)" is also available. It may be ordered from the above address. The cost is \$1.15 per copy.

## VIOLATIONS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATIONS

The following violations are examples of DOT enforcement actions concerning the transportation of hazardous materials:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Fine</u>
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad (rail carrier)	Fined under Civil Claims Collections for violation of FRA Emergency Order #3--failure to inspect Class A explosives shipments as required.	\$4,500.00
Dicoa Corp. (shipper by air)	Offering for transportation a flammable liquid without required labels.	300.00
Dynatech Corp. (shipper by air)	Offering for transportation cylinders of nonflammable compressed gas without required labels.	100.00
Kemro Graphics, Inc. (shipper by air)	Failure to properly certify and package a shipment of hazardous materials.	500.00
Kwik Kold, Inc. (shipper by air)	Failing to properly describe, classify, and label shipment of oxidizing material.	100.00
McGraw Hill Book Company (shipper by air)	Did not properly classify, describe, pack, mark, label, and certify shipment of hazardous materials.	1,000.00
Ralston Purina Company (shipper by air)	Shipment of hazardous materials improperly marked, packed, labeled and certified.	500.00
Sea-Land Freight Service, Inc. (freight forwarder)	Did not notify the rail carrier that hazardous materials were in the containers.	5,000.00
U.S. Paint and Lacquer Company (shipper by air)	Failure to properly pack, describe, and classify shipments of flammable liquids.	1,000.00



Violations of Hazardous Materials Regulations Cont.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Fine</u>
Yukon Office Supply, Inc. (shipper by air)	Improper packaging and labeling of a hazardous material, no shipper certification.	\$ 250.00

AMENDMENTS TO THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATIONS  
PERTAINING TO RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

On December 31, 1974, a series of miscellaneous amendments were published in the Federal Register under Docket No. HM-111 (39 F.R. 45238) which related to the transportation of radioactive materials. The following amendments should be carefully noted:

A requirement that Type A quantities are authorized only in DOT Specification 7A, Type A packagings. This amendment, effective December 31, 1975, requires users to maintain written documentation of a determination that the packaging used meets the performance requirements of Specification 7A, and deletes authorization for the use of several other specification packagings.

Withdraws authorization for use of DOT Specification 55 containers constructed after March 31, 1975.

A requirement that packages containing liquid radioactive materials meet both the 30-foot drop test requirements and either double absorbency provisions or provide additional containment mechanisms.

Design changes and authorized contents for DOT Specifications 6L and 6M packages are introduced along with modifications to the DOT Specification 2R containment vessel.

DOT Specifications 20PF and 21PF for UF<sub>6</sub> cylinders, 20WC and 21WC for wooden overpacks are added, replacing DOT Special Permits 4909, 5800, and 5725.

Provisions for authorized contents as limited quantities of fissile materials in steel drums or as UF<sub>6</sub> "heels" in cylinders have been added replacing DOT Special Permits 5021 and 6273.

Amendments to the Hazardous Materials Regulations  
Pertaining to Radioactive Materials Cont.

A requirement specifying the information to be entered on radioactive labels.

An authorization for shipment of Fissile Class II packages as Fissile Class III and for the combination of fissile packages is provided replacing DOT Special Permit 5908.

A requirement that shippers of "special form" radioactive materials maintain on file documentation of special form test results.

A clarification of contamination determination procedures.

REMINDER -- SEMINARS


Alaska - Anchorage and Fairbanks for the week of February 24 to 28, 1975.

New York-New Jersey Area -- Howard Johnson Motel (Newark Airport area), March 11 and 12, and March 13 and 14, 1975.

FUTURE SEMINARS

Plans are being formulated for Seminars to be held during the late spring in San Francisco and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Final details will be published in subsequent Newsletters. In the meantime if you are interested in attending either seminar, please contact:

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