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NOTICES AND AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED DURING SEPTEMBER

HM-22; Notice 75-8 (40 FR 40171 - 9/2/75). This Notice of Proposed Rule Making proposes to update the reference to the addenda to sections VIII (Division I) and IX of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. Comment period closes September 30, 1975.

HM-110; Notice 75-5 (40 FR 44842 - 9/30/75). This Notice withdraws the portion of the original notice pertaining to § 177.854(g).

HM-112; Notice 73-9A (40 FR 41537 - 9/8/75). This Notice of Proposed Rule Making proposes an amendment to the regulations in Parts 102 and 107 as proposed in Docket HM-127; Notice 75-7, applicable to flammable, combustible, and pyrophoric liquids aboard vessels. Comment period closes October 8, 1975.

HM-126; Advance notice (40 FR 44336 - 9/26/75), Hazard Information Systems. This notice extends the closing date for filing comments from November 5, 1975 to February 5, 1976.

HM-57; Amendment Nos. 171-14, 172-14, 172-20, 173-61, 173-74, 174-14, 175-7, 177-21, 178-26 (40 FR 41527 - 9/8/75). The mandatory effective date of these amendments as they pertain to materials corrosive only to aluminum is changed from September 30, 1975 to July 1, 1976.

HM-110; Amendment No. 177-31 (40 FR 44821 - 9/30/75). Handling of Hazardous Materials on Motor Vehicles. The effective date of this amendment has been changed from October 1, 1975 to July 1, 1976.

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HM-111; Amendment Nos. 171-28, 173-90, 174-25, 175-12, 177-32, 178-35 (40 FR 44327 - 9/26/75), Radioactive Materials; Miscellaneous Amendments, editorial and clarification changes to the original amendments published 12/31/74 (39 FR 45238).

HM-113; Amendment Nos. 173-91, 177-33 (40 FR 44820 - 9/30/75), MC 330 and MC 331 Cargo Tanks Stress Corrosion Cracking. These revisions to the amendments published 7/11/75 (40 FR 24902) are to (1) authorize the reshipment of anhydrous ammonia without requiring a water content analysis; (2) revise the testing requirements for cargo tanks without manholes, and (3) modify certain portions of the regulations for editorial and clarification purposes.

Notice of Special Permits issued during September 1975 (40 FR 10/14/75).

FIRST DIRECTOR OF MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION BUREAU APPOINTED

On October 6, Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr., announced the appointment of James T. Curtis, Jr., as the first Director of the Department's Materials Transportation Bureau.

Before becoming Director of the Bureau, Mr. Curtis was employed by the U. S. Steel Corporation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he managed traffic, transportation and distribution functions in the non-ferrous products area for the corporation. He had worked for U. S. Steel in Pittsburgh and Chicago for 17 years in a variety of jobs concerned with traffic and transportation.

During his career at U. S. Steel, Mr. Curtis developed traffic, transportation and distribution functions for several of the corporation's new business ventures and he helped to reorganize transportation activities within the corporation.

A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, Mr. Curtis graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1957 with a B.S. degree in business administration. After graduation he began work with U. S. Steel as a management trainee and has spent his entire working career there.

AMENDMENT TO TITLE 49 ESTABLISHES THE MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION BUREAU

Amendment to Part 1, Title 49 (OST Dkt. No. 1, Amendment 1-110), reflects certain organizational changes including the establishment of the Materials Transportation Bureau as a line organization element reporting to the Secretary of Transportation and having responsibility for those hazardous materials and pipeline safety operational functions previously assigned to the Office of the Secretary and certain new responsibilities vested in the Secretary by the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (Title I of the Transportation Safety Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-633, 88 Stat. 2156).

The Materials Transportation Bureau Director is delegated authority to exercise the powers and perform the duties vested in the Secretary by the following statutes:

Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1671 et seq.).

Mineral Leasing Act, as amended (Pub. L. 93-153, 30 U.S.C. 185).

Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-627) relating to the establishment, enforcement and review of regulations concerning the safe construction, operation or maintenance of pipelines on Federal lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (33 U.S.C. 1520).

Section 5 of the International Bridge Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 93-434) as it relates to pipelines not over navigable waterways.

Title I--Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-633 (49 U.S.C. 1801-1811) except as delegated by §§ 1.46(u) and (v); 1.47(l) and (m); 1.48(u) and (v); and 1.49(t) and (u).

Sections 831-835 of Title 18, U.S.C., except as delegated by §§ 1.48(d) and 1.49(f).

INQUIRIES

It has always been our policy to be responsive to correspondence and telephone inquiries pertaining to the Department's Hazardous Materials Regulations. In recent times however, the volume of mail and telephone contacts has become so great that we are not able to be fully responsive in all cases. Many inquiries are routine in nature and could be handled by any of the Department's specialists located in its various field offices. The following is a listing of some of the personnel to be contacted concerning hazardous materials matters:

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GASOLINE IN SPECIFICATION 17E DRUMS

Section 173.119(a) of the Department's Hazardous Materials Regulations contains the packaging requirement for most flammable liquids having flash points of 20°F. or lower including gasoline.

Shippers and carriers should note that section 173.119(a)(3) requires that specification 17E drums having marked capacities of more than 30 gallons be constructed of 18-gauge body and head sheets.

In simple words, before shipment or carriage of gasoline in 55-gallon DOT Specification 17E drums, make sure they are marked 18-55-75 and not 20/18/55/75. The last two numbers indicate capacity and year of manufacture respectively.

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REMINDER

Have you registered for one of the Hazardous Materials Seminars? San Francisco November 3/4 and November 5/6; Los Angeles November 10/11 and November 12/13. See your September issue of the OHM Newsletter for details.

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