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NOTICES AND AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED DURING APRIL

HM-109; Notice 75-3 (41 FR 16571 - 4/20/76). The purpose of this Notice of Proposed Rule Making was to allow a small opening on a head shield applied to DOT 112A and 114A tank cars built prior to September 1, 1974 to permit an existing hand brake bracket to pass through the head shield. Since a lack of agreement exists among the commenters as to the merits and the safety aspects of the proposal, the notice has been withdrawn.

HM-120; Notice 74-11 (41 FR 16661 - 4/21/76). The purpose of this Notice of Proposed Rule Making was to prohibit the uncoupling or cutting off of cars placarded "DANGEROUS" while they were in motion, the striking of such cars by other cars moving under their own motion, and the coupling of these cars with more force than is necessary to complete the coupling, but in no case at the speed of more than four miles per hour. A large number of commenters requested that a further study of the handling of cars containing hazardous materials be made with some interim precautionary measures taken with the cars causing the problems. The issuance of FRA Emergency Order No. 5 and the retrofit program for the DOT 112A and 114A uninsulated tank cars transporting flammable compressed gas have been implemented. However, the notice has been withdrawn with further studies being made on handling cars containing hazardous materials.

HM-136; Notice 76-4 (41 FR 18093 - 4/30/76). The purpose of this Notice of Proposed Rule Making is to specify the location of the manhole assembly on MC 331 cargo tanks and to authorize the attachment of certification plates to an integral supporting structure of MC 306, MC 307, and MC 312 cargo tanks. Closing date for filing comments is June 23, 1976.

Notices and Amendments Published During April Cont.

HM-103/ Amendment Nos. 171-32, 172-29, 173-94, 174-26,
112 175-1, 176-1, 177-35 (41 FR 15972 - 4/15/76),
Consolidation of Title 14, Part 103 and Title
46, Part 146, in Title 49. In addition to con-
solidating the regulations, substantial changes
have been made relative to marking, labeling,
placarding and shipping paper requirements for
improved understanding and compliance by per-
sons subject to these regulations.

HM-116; Amendment Nos. 172-30, 173-95 (41 FR 15013 -
4/9/76), Classification of New Explosives and
Shipment of Samples of Explosives. The pur-
pose of these amendments is to permit the
Energy Research and Development Administration
(ERDA) to examine, classify, and approve for
its own activities new explosives as being safe
for transportation; restructure and clarify the
regulations contained in section 173.86 per-
taining to new explosives, and provide a shipping
name for samples of new explosives shipped under
section 173.86. Effective date: May 12, 1976.

HM-135; Amendment Nos. 173-96, 177-36 (41 FR 17735 -
4/28/76), Certification of Cargo Tanks and Pla-
carding of Motor Vehicles. The purpose of these
amendments is to permit pneumatic testing of
Specifications MC 330 and MC 331 cargo tanks;
clarify the manufacturer's certificate retention
requirements for Specification MC 330 cargo
tanks; and permit the placarding of motor ve-
hicles containing shipments of less than 1,000
pounds of certain hazardous materials when such
shipments are part of an intermodal movement by
motor, water, or rail. Effective date: April 28,
1976.

WORKSHOPS ON DOCKETS HM-103/112

In the April Newsletter, we announced three workshops devoted to discussions of amendments published under Dockets HM-103/112. The first two workshops are scheduled for June 21 and 23, 1976 in San Francisco and St. Louis respectively. These workshops are still scheduled as planned; however, we are anticipating that there will be more attendees than we will be able to accommodate in single sessions. In consideration of this possibility, we are planning to hold late afternoon/evening sessions and, if necessary, second day sessions on the 22nd and 24th. These additional sessions will only be conducted if we have overflow attendance at the scheduled sessions.

Preregistration will be required for the two half-day workshops in Newark, New Jersey on July 21 since it will not be possible to schedule a second day session. The registration form is at the end of this issue.

The time and specific location of the workshops is as follows:

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>
June 21, 1976 9:00 a.m.	San Francisco, California	Sheraton Inn San Francisco Airport 1177 Airport Boulevard Burlingame, California 94010 TELEPHONE: (415) 342-9200
June 23, 1976 9:00 a.m.	St. Louis, Missouri	Ramada Inn 9636 Natural Bridge Road St. Louis, Missouri 63134 TELEPHONE: (314) 426-4700
July 21, 1976 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Newark, New Jersey	Sheraton Inn Route 1 Elizabeth City, New Jersey 07201 TELEPHONE: (201) 527-1600

INTERMODAL SEMINARS - JULY 19-20 AND JULY 22-23, 1976

The Office of Hazardous Materials will sponsor two 2-day Inter-
modal Hazardous Materials Transportation Seminars on July 19-20,
1976 and July 22-23, 1976 at the Sheraton Inn, Newark Airport,
New Jersey. The seminars are part of the continuing series of
such programs being sponsored throughout the country by the Mate-
rials Transportation Bureau. These will be basic in nature and
conducted on an "awareness basis" rather than as a detailed study

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of the DOT Hazardous Materials Regulations. These programs are designed to assist shippers, carriers (air, rail, motor, and water), freight forwarders and container manufacturers to better understand the regulations. Special attention will be given to training requirements for all concerned parties.

The morning of the first day will be an overview of the Department's Hazardous Materials Regulations including new developments and changes. This will include shipper and carrier responsibilities concerning classification, documentation, labeling, marking, packaging, compliance, and incident reporting requirements. Following the general sessions concurrent workshops will be conducted by DOT representatives covering specialized areas of interest and will be repeated as required so that participants may attend those sessions that are of most interest to them. These will include sessions on packaging, compliance, training requirements, radioactive materials, and presentations concerning modal requirements. A schedule of the workshops will be available on the first morning of the program. The program will end with a general wrap-up and question and answer period.

There will also be available a Hazardous Materials Packaging Exhibit and an Incident Report Information Center. The latter will have various ADP printouts covering more than 30,000 Hazardous Materials Incident Reports submitted to DOT by carriers.

These seminars will be held at:

Sheraton Inn - Newark Airport
901 Spring Street
Route 1 & 9 at Dowd Avenue
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201
TELEPHONE: (201) 527-1600

Those desiring hotel accommodations should contact the hotel directly and indicate that you will be attending the Seminar. Reduced rates will be available if you inform the hotel that you are attending the DOT Hazardous Materials Seminar.

Although no fees are being charged, early advance registration is recommended to assure admittance as attendance will be limited. If after registering you find that you will be unable to attend, please advise us so that your space may be made available to someone else.

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Those wishing to attend any of these programs, or the workshops on Dockets HM-103/112, should complete the enclosed registration form and mail it to:

Operations Division, MTH-30
Office of Hazardous Materials Operations
U.S. Department of Transportation
Washington, D. C. 20590
TELEPHONE: (202) 426-2301

Check in for attendees will begin at 7:30 a.m. on the first day of the session. The seminar is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on the first day and 8:00 a.m. on the second day.

In order that we may preschedule the workshop sessions based on attendees preference and interest, please indicate on the registration form those sessions you wish to attend. The topics listed are based on preferences expressed at past workshops.

The latest edition of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 100-199 and the Index to the Hazardous Materials Regulations will be available for sale as well as free copies of amendments under Dockets HM-103/112.

Plans for additional future seminars have not been completed as yet. Additional seminars will be announced in the Newsletter.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that publication of this periodical is necessary in the transaction of the public business required by law of this Department. Use of funds for printing this periodical has been approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget through November 30, 1976.

REGISTRATION FORM

SEMINARS

to be held at: Sheraton Inn - Newark Airport
901 Spring Street
Route 1 & 9 Dowd Avenue
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201

Name _____ Company _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone No: (Area Code ()) _____

INTERMODAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SEMINARS

I wish to attend the Hazardous Materials Transportation Seminar
on: (check only one)

July 19 & 20, 1976 _____
July 22 & 23, 1976 _____

I am interested in attending sessions on the following subjects:

Air _____ Water _____ Radioactive Materials _____ Motor _____
Tank Trucks _____ Rail _____ Tank Cars _____ Packaging _____
Compliance _____ Training Requirements and Techniques _____

HM-103/112 NEW REGULATIONS SEMINARS JULY 21, 1976

I wish to attend the HM-103/112 Seminar as checked below: (check
only one)

July 21, 1976 (8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) _____
July 21, 1976 (2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) _____

Please submit a separate registration form for each registrant.
(You may reproduce this form if extra copies are needed.)

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