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NOTICES AND AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED DURING JULY

- HM-131; Notice 75-10 (42 FR 37426 - 7/21/77). The purpose of this Notice is to withdraw Docket HM-131; Notice 75-10 which proposed certain inspection and monitoring requirements for radioactive materials shipped by air. Notice of withdrawal effective July 21, 1977.
- HM-152; Notice 77-6 (42 FR 37427 - 7/21/77). This Notice of Proposed Rule Making proposes to amend Part 175 of the Regulations as follows: (1) reduce the maximum and average radiation level in the passenger compartment of passenger-carrying aircraft by increasing the separation distance required between any package of radioactive materials and the passenger compartment, and by reducing the maximum allowable transport index from 10.0 to 3.0 for any package of radioactive materials carried on a passenger-carrying aircraft; (2) provide for a system of predesignated areas ("spacing out") for stowage of radioactive materials packages aboard passenger-carrying aircraft based on the size and configuration of the particular aircraft involved; (3) increase the allowable amount of radioactive materials aboard cargo-only aircraft when carried in accordance with specified loading requirements; (4) restrict the carriage of radioactive materials aboard passenger-carrying aircraft to those with a radioactive half-life of 30 days or less; and (5) establish provisions for combining radioactive materials packages in overpacks. Closing date for filing comments is September 20, 1977.
- HM-119; Amdt. Nos. 171-37, 173-106, 178-42 (42 FR 36261 - 7/14/77), Polyethylene Drum Packaging, Spec. 35. These amendments provide a specification for non-reusable molded, open-head polyethylene drums and authorize the use of this packaging with certain dry and paste materials. Effective date: September 30, 1977.
- HM-151; Amdt. Nos. 171-36, 172-37 (42 FR 34283 - 7/5/77), Label and Placard Colors; Hazard Numbers. These amendments restate requirements applicable to colors specified for labels and placards used in transportation of hazardous

materials, suspends for two years certain of those requirements from application to labels printed directly onto the surfaces of packagings, and re-states the allowable size of hazard numbers permitted to appear on labels. Effective date: July 5, 1977.

TELEPHONE INQUIRIES TO THE OFFICE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OPERATIONS

Recently the Regulations Division of the Office of Hazardous Materials Operations established a new telephone response system involving increased referrals of regulations inquiries to the DOT operating administrations. The intent of the new system is to increase this Office's responsiveness to those people requesting exemptions and rule makings by reducing the staff time expended in answering telephone inquiries. The operating administrations maintain field offices staffed, in part, by more than 1,000 Safety Inspectors and over 40 Hazardous Materials Specialists with knowledge of the provisions of the Hazardous Materials Regulations.

We encourage everyone to contact his local modal representative to obtain the information routinely requested from this Office. We have published names, addresses, and telephone numbers of modal field representatives in the June 1977 Newsletter and in this issue. We anticipate that this change in our practices will improve the regulatory program and that your questions will continue to receive priority treatment from the Department.

LOADING AND SECURING OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SHIPMENTS

Approximately 40 percent of all packaged hazardous material incident reports received by this Office reflect failure on the part of shippers and carriers to comply with the loading, blocking, and bracing requirements published in Title 49 CFR. This is the leading cause of unintentional releases from hazardous materials packages as reported by the carriers involved.

Failure to comply with these regulations may subject the individuals involved, as well as the carrier, to future enforcement actions.

EXAMPLES OF DOT PENALTY ACTIONS CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

<u>Company</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
Almay, Inc. (Shipper by air)	Shipped hazardous material without required labeling.	\$ 100.00
American Chemical International (Shipper by air)	Flammable liquid not properly labeled for shipment.	300.00
Emery Air Freight (Air carrier)	Hazardous Material shipment improperly labeled.	150.00
Flying Tiger Lines (Air carrier)	Offered hazardous materials for shipment that were not properly packaged, marked, or labeled.	500.00
Harris & Stroh (Shipper by air)	Offered flammable solids for shipment without proper shipping papers, certification or labels.	500.00
John Deere Company (Shipper by air)	Shipment not properly labeled and a clear/visible statement that shipment complied with Part 103 of the Regulations was not available.	2,000.00
Kenrich Perochemicals, Inc. (Shipper by air)	Shipped hazardous materials without proper name of contents, inadequate information on shipping papers, and the DOT Specification was not marked on the container.	500.00
Koppers Company, Inc. (Shipper by air)	Shipped a leaking container of flammable liquid which was not properly marked "THIS END UP."	3,000.00
Chas. Martin, Inspector of Petroleum (Shipper by air)	Shipped corrosive liquids without certification or proper name on the package.	1,500.00
Muckluck Freight Lines, Inc. (Shipper by air)	Offered shipment of hazardous materials to air carrier without shipper certification.	200.00
Omark Industries (Shipper by air)	Shipped radioactive material without proper shipping papers or statement of eligibility as to whether shipment could be shipped on a passenger-carrying aircraft.	500.00

Examples of DOT Penalty Actions Concerning
the Transportation of Hazardous Materials Cont.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
Peabody Testing Company (Shipper by air)	Shipped hazardous materials with no shipper certification; liquid hazardous materials not securely closed to prevent leakage.	\$ 750.00
Pierce Manufacturing Co., Inc. (Shipper by air)	Offered shipment of hazardous material which was not labeled and was improperly packaged. No shipper certification.	1,000.00
Pittsburgh Testing Company (Shipper by air)	Shipped hazardous material without a shipper's certification and shipping papers did not describe hazardous material by its proper shipping name.	3,500.00
Rockford Corporation (Shipper by air)	Offered shipment of hazardous materials to an air carrier without shipper certification.	500.00
Sea-Land Service Company (Shipper by air)	Offered shipment of hazardous material to air carrier without shippers certification and proper labels.	200.00
Smith's Transfer Corporation (Motor carrier)	Failing to placard a vehicle transporting flammable liquid.	500.00
Stop-Fire, Inc. (Shipper by air)	Shipped hazardous materials which were not labeled and did not contain certification.	500.00
Swartz/Mann (Shipper by air)	Offered shipment of hazardous materials without proper marking and no labels.	1,200.00
Tropigas, S.A. (Shipper by air)	Improper shipment of wet electric storage batteries.	300.00
Union Carbide Corporation (Shipper by rail)	Overfilling tank car with LPG. Plugs and valves not properly secured.	2,500.00

INQUIRIES

In the June 1977 OHM Newsletter, the Regional Field Offices of the Federal Aviation, Federal Highway and the Federal Railroad Administrations were listed for your convenience. The following list of the locations of the Captain of the Port Offices and of the Commanding Officers of the District Marine Safety Offices, United States Coast Guard, is added for your use:

First CG District

447 Commercial Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
(Phone: (617) 223-6968)

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Exchange Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903
(Phone: (401) 528-4339)

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Downtown Station
Portland, Maine 04112
(Phone: (207) 775-3131
Ext. 3251)

Second CG District

Room 4020 Federal Office Bldg.
550 Main Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
(Phone: (513) 684-3295)

Box 695
Dubuque, Iowa 52001
(Phone: (319) 582-4483)

P. O. Box 2412
Huntington, West Virginia 25725
(Phone: (304) 529-2524)

P. O. Box 1153
Louisville, Kentucky 40201
(Phone: (502) 582-5194)

Suite 1134
100 North Main Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
(Phone: (502) 58205194)

Second CG District Cont.

Room A-935 U.S. Courthouse Annex
Nashville, Tennessee 37203
(Phone: (615) 749-5421)

P. O. Box 1400
Avondale Station
Paducah, Kentucky 42001
(Phone: (502) 422-1621)

312 Stanwix Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
(Phone: (412) 644-5807)

Suite 1128
210 North 12th Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63101
(Phone: (314) 425-4657)

Third CG District

Room 336
Leo W. O'Brien Federal Bldg.
Clinton Ave. & N. Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
(Phone: (427-6110)

Capt. of the Port of New London
120 Woodward Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut 06512
(Phone: (203) 442-4471)

Capt. of the Port of New York
Governors Island
New York, New York 10004
(Phone: (212) 264-8750)

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Inspection Office, Customhouse
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106
(Phone: (609) 456-1370)

Inquiries Cont.

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New Haven, Connecticut 06512
(Phone: (203) 432-2409)

Fifth CG District

40 South Gay Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21226
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300 East Main Street
Norfolk, Virginia 23510
(Phone: (804) 441-6544)

P. O. Box 343
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
(Phone: (919) 763-9971)

Seventh CG District

Room 625, Federal Building
334 Meeting Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29403
(Phone: (803) 577-4171)

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Jacksonville, Florida 32206
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P.O. Box 3666
Old San Juan, Puerto Rico 00904
(Phone: (809) 725-5761)

P.O. Box 8191
Savannah, Georgia 31402
(Phone: (912) 232-4321)

P.O. Box 3172
Tampa, Florida 33601
(Phone: (813) 813-2192)

Capt. of the Port of Key West
Key West, Florida 33040
(Phone: (305) 924-3765)

Seventh CG District Cont.

Capt. of the Port of Miami
100 MacArthur Causeway
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
(Phone: (305) 672-2021)

Eighth CG District

P.O. Box 1621
Corpus Christi, Texas 78403
(Phone: (512) 888-3162)

Customhouse
5th and Austin Avenue
Port Arthur, Texas 77640
(Phone: (713) 983-1621)

Room 313, Post Office Building
601 Rosenberg Avenue
Galveston, Texas 77550
(Phone: (713) 763-1211, Ext.
6682 or 6683)

Capt. of the Port of Mobile
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Mobile, Alabama 36601
(Phone: (205) 690-2218)

Capt. of the Port of Houston
P.O. Box 446
Galena Park, Texas 77547
(Phone: (713) 672-6639)

Capt. of the Port of New Orleans
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70117
(Phone: (504) 589-7113)

Ninth CG District

1055 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44114
(Phone: (216) 522-4405)

1200 Cadillac Square
Detroit, Michigan 48226
(Phone: (313) 226-7777)

Canal Park
Duluth, Minnesota 55802
(Phone: (218) 727-6286)

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Ninth CG District Cont.

Room 501, Federal Building
234 Summit Street
Toledo, Ohio 43604
(Phone: (419) 259-6372)

Room 1111, Federal Building
111 West Huron Street
Buffalo, New York 14202
(Phone: (716) 842-2000)

Capt. of the Port of Milwaukee
2420 South Lincoln Memorial Dr.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207
(Phone: (414) 224-3162)

Capt. of the Port of Muskegon
Fulton Avenue & Bluff Street
Muskegon, Michigan 49441
(Phone: (616) 726-1752)

Capt. of the Port of
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Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783
(Phone: (906) 635-5242)

Eleventh CG District

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San Diego, California 92101
(Phone: (714) 293-5860)

Capt. of the Port of
Los Angeles-Long Beach
1150 El Embarcadero
Long Beach, California 90802
(Phone: (213) 590-2321)

Twelfth CG District

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Suite 309
San Francisco, California 94111
(Phone: (415) 556-3740)

Twelfth CG District Cont.

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Samoa, California 95564
(Phone: (707) 443-2211)

100 Lighthouse Avenue
Monterey, California 93940
(Phone: (408) 375-2278)

Thirteenth CG District

6767 North Basin
Portland, Oregon 78403
(Phone: (503) 221-2994)

Capt. of the Port of Seattle
Building 13, Pier 90
Seattle, Washington 98109
(Phone: (202) 442-1805)

Fourteenth CG District

Guam
P. O. Box 157
FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96630
(Phone: 332-2109)

8th Floor, Aloha Tower
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
(Phone: (808) 546-7146)

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Anchorage, Alaska
FPO Seattle 98774
(Phone: (907) 265-5371)

Juneau, Alaska
FPO Seattle 98771
(Phone: (907) 586-7289)

SEMINAR IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 28-29, 1977

The 2-day Hazardous Materials Awareness Seminar sponsored by this Office and the Alamo Chapter of Delta Nu Alpha Transport Fraternity, announced in the July Newsletter, will be held at the:

El Tropicano Motor Hotel
110 Lexington Avenue
San Antonio, Texas 78205
(Phone: (512) 223-9461)

Those interested in attending should contact:

Mr. G. W. Herbst
Director of Transportation
Friedrich Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Co.
P. O. Box 1540
San Antonio, Texas 78295
(Phone: (512) 225-2000)

Those desiring hotel accommodations should contact the hotel directly.

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