

SUBJECT 7

Re: Office or Store Equipment Group and Stationery Group

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Proponent: Freight Classification Development Council

Present Classification Provisions

Item	Description	Class
142000	OFFICE OR STORE EQUIPMENT GROUP:	
142050	Binders or Clamps , vertical filing, see Note, item 142052, in boxes.....	85
142052	NOTE—Applies only on metal binders or clamps for holding maps, blueprints or similar printed matter in a vertical (hanging) position.	
142060	Boards , clip or arch, wood, fiberboard, chemically hardened fiber or fiberboard wallboard, with or without fixtures, in boxes.....	70
142085	Boxes, Files or Pockets , letter, document or invoice, paper, pulpboard or paper or pulpboard and wood combined, other than filing cases or cabinets, in boxes or crates, subject to Item 170 and having a density in pounds per cubic foot of:	
Sub 1	Less than 8.....	125
Sub 2	8 or greater	85
142230	Folders , file, plastic, in boxes	60
142400	Moisteners , envelope or postage stamp, in boxes or drums.....	85
142440	Stencils , NOI, in boxes	100
142460	Trays, Tray-binders, or Binder-trays , bookkeeping, adjustable, in boxes	100
	PAPER: subject to item 150600	
151250	Paper , NOI, not printed, in packages.....	70
	PAPER ARTICLES GROUP: subject to item 152000	
153120	File Folders , paper or pulpboard, folded, in packages	55
153730	Pads , desk blotter, pulpboard, with blotter retainers of fabric, paper or pulpboard, in boxes	70
178850	STATIONERY GROUP:	
178910	Calendars and Related Articles, viz.:	
	Agenda Books or Appointment Books;	
	Calendar Backs or Calendar Mounts;	
	Calendar Desk Pads or Date Pads;	
	Calendars , NOI, see Note, item 178911;	
	Calendars with Thermometers attached;	
	Student Planners or Day Planners;	
	In boxes, subject to Item 170 and having a density in pounds per cubic foot of:	
Sub 1	Less than 15	100
Sub 2	15 or greater.....	70
178911	NOTE—For provisions applicable to calendars constructed wholly of plastic, see item 179180.	
178920	Chalk , school or marking, other than pastels, in boxes	55

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Item	Description	Class
	STATIONERY GROUP: subject to item 178850	
178930	Crayons , school or marking, other than artists', see Note, item 178931, in boxes.....	60
178931	NOTE—For class applicable on artists' crayons, see item 14550, 'Crayons, artists.'	
178970	Desk Pen Sets (Pens and Inkwells or Bases) , in boxes	125
178980	Dispensers or Holders , tape, NOI, in boxes:	
Sub 1	Cast and sheet iron combined	77.5
Sub 2	Plastic.....	85
178990	Erasers , NOI, in boxes	85
178995	Erasers , rubber or rubber compound combined or not combined with other materials; or Eraser Stock , rubber or rubber compound, viz.: Blocks, Plugs, Rods, Sticks or Strips; in boxes or drums	70
179020	Inkstands or Inkwells , in boxes or drums:	
Sub 1	Cut glass, with or without bases or fittings	150
Sub 2	Other than glass or earthenware, with or without bases or fittings	100
Sub 3	Earthenware.....	85
179050	Lead Pencils , wooden, other than mechanical or ball point, in boxes.....	70
179055	Lifters or Protectors , loose-leaf binder sheet, in boxes.....	65
179057	Markers , bingo game, consisting of plastic bottles containing not less than 1½ ounces of ink with integral sponge applicator; other than in inner retail packages; in boxes	60
179065	Pads , inking, in boxes	85
179070	Pads , memorandum, desk, with metal or plastic holders, see Note, item 179072, in boxes	85
179072	NOTE—Will also apply on shipments containing not to exceed one mechanical pencil for each pad.	
179090	Paperweights , in boxes or drums.....	85
179100	Parchment or Vellum , in boxes.....	150
179120	Pen Holders, Pen Holder Sticks, Slate Pencils, Paper Wrapped Pencils, Mechanical Crayon Markers, or Children's School Pencil or Pen Holder Sets , in boxes.....	85
179140	Pen Points , steel, in boxes	92.5
179150	Ribbon, Paper or Tape , carbonized or inked for magnetic printing, in boxes.....	150
179160	Ribbons , inked, in boxes:	
Sub 1	NOI.....	100
Sub 2	Typewriter, other than silk or cartridge type.....	85
179175	Sheets , memorandum, paper, in plastic holders, in boxes	60

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Item	Description	Class
	STATIONERY GROUP: subject to item 178850	
179180	Stationery, viz.: Binders or Covers , book or loose-leaf, NOI, with or without binding mechanism; Fasteners, Clips, Clasps or Holders , paper or letter file; Pens or Markers , writing, NOI; Stationery , NOI; Stationery Sets or Papeteries , see Note, item 179182; In boxes, subject to Item 170 and having a density in pounds per cubic foot of:	
Sub 1	Less than 1	400
Sub 2	1 but less than 2.....	300
Sub 3	2 but less than 4.....	250
Sub 4	4 but less than 6.....	175
Sub 5	6 but less than 8.....	125
Sub 6	8 but less than 10.....	100
Sub 7	10 but less than 12.....	92.5
Sub 8	12 but less than 15.....	85
Sub 9	15 but less than 22.5.....	70
Sub 10	22.5 but less than 30.....	65
Sub 11	30 or greater.....	60
179182	NOTE—Applies on sets of writing paper, note cards or paper, greeting cards or envelopes, with or without complement of accessories, such as albums, address books, journals, rubber stamps, stickers, pens or pencils in same retail package.	
179200	Thumbtacks , in boxes or drums:	
Sub 1	Mounted on boards	85
Sub 2	Not mounted on boards	70

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Item	Description	Class
142000	OFFICE OR STORE EQUIPMENT GROUP:	⇒Cancel; no further application
142050	Binders or Clamps , vertical filing, etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
142052	NOTE—⇒Cancel; no further application.	
142060	Boards , clip or arch, wood, fiberboard, chemically hardened fiber or fiberboard wallboard, with or without fixtures, etc ...	⇒Cancel; see item 179180

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Item	Description	Class
	OFFICE OR STORE EQUIPMENT GROUP: subject to item 142000	
142085	Boxes, Files or Pockets , letter, document or invoice, paper, pulpboard or paper or pulpboard and wood combined, other than filing cases or cabinets, etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
142230	Folders , file, plastic, etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
142400	Moisteners , envelope or postage stamp, etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
142440	Stencils , NOI, etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
142460	Trays, Tray-binders, or Binder-trays , bookkeeping, adjustable, etc.	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
	PAPER: subject to item 150600	
151250	Paper , NOI, not printed, in packages.....	70
	PAPER ARTICLES GROUP: subject to item 152000	
153120	File Folders , paper or pulpboard, folded, etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
153730	Pads , desk blotter, pulpboard, with blotter retainers of fabric, paper or pulpboard, etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
178850	STATIONERY GROUP:	⇒Cancel; no further application
178910	Calendars and Related Articles , etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
178911	NOTE—	⇒Cancel; no further application.
178920	Chalk , school or marking, other than pastels, etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
178930	Crayons , school or marking, other than artists', etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
178931	NOTE—	⇒Cancel; no further application.
178970	Desk Pen Sets (Pens and Inkwells or Bases) , etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
178980	Dispensers or Holders , tape, NOI, etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
178990	Erasers , NOI, etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
178995	Erasers , rubber or rubber compound combined or not combined with other materials; or Eraser Stock , rubber or rubber compound, viz.: Blocks, Plugs, Rods, Sticks or Strips , etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
179020	Inkstands or Inkwells , etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item 179180

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Item	Description	Class
	STATIONERY GROUP: subject to item 178850	
179050	Lead Pencils , wooden, other than mechanical or ball point, etc ...	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
179055	Lifters or Protectors , loose-leaf binder sheet, etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
179057	Markers , bingo game, consisting of plastic bottles containing not less than 1½ ounces of ink with integral sponge applicator, etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
179065	Pads , inking, etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
179070	Pads , memorandum, desk, with metal or plastic holders, etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
179072	NOTE—⇒Cancel; no further application.	
179090	Paperweights , etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
179100	Parchment or Vellum , etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item 151250 and provisions otherwise applicable
179120	Pen Holders, Pen Holder Sticks, Slate Pencils, Paper Wrapped Pencils, Mechanical Crayon Markers, or Children's School Pencil or Pen Holder Sets , etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
179140	Pen Points , steel, etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
179150	Ribbon, Paper or Tape , carbonized or inked for magnetic printing, etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
179160	Ribbons , inked, etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item 179180
179175	Sheets , memorandum, paper, in plastic holders, etc	⇒Cancel; see item 179180

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Item	Description	Class
179180	<p>STATIONERY GROUP: subject to item 178850</p> <p>⇒ Stationery or Office Supplies, viz.:</p> <p>Binders or Covers, book or loose-leaf, NOI, with or without binding mechanism;</p> <p>⇒ Calendars, Agenda Books, Appointment Books or Day Planners, NOI;</p> <p>⇒ Clipboards, including Storage Clipboards;</p> <p>⇒ Desk Accessories, NOI, including Pen or Pencil Sets, Tape Dispensers or Holders, Desk or Letter Trays, Desk Blotters or Desk Pads, or Paperweights;</p> <p>⇒ Erasers, NOI;</p> <p>Fasteners, Clips, Clasps or Holders, paper or letter file;</p> <p>⇒ File Folders, Pockets or Jackets, NOI;</p> <p>⇒ Ink or Stamping Pads;</p> <p>⇒ Lifters or Protectors, loose-leaf;</p> <p>⇒ Pencils, Pens, Markers, Crayons or Chalk, writing, marking or drawing, NOI;</p> <p>⇒ Pens or Markers, writing, NOI;</p> <p>⇒ Ribbons, inked, NOI;</p> <p>Stationery, NOI;</p> <p>Stationery Sets or Papeteries, see Note, item 179182;</p> <p>⇒ Stencils, NOI;</p> <p>⇒ Thumbtacks or Push Pins;</p>	
	<p>In boxes, subject to Item 170 and having a density in pounds per cubic foot of:</p>	
Sub 1	Less than 1400	
Sub 2	1 but less than 2300	
Sub 3	2 but less than 4250	
Sub 4	4 but less than 6175	
Sub 5	6 but less than 8125	
Sub 6	8 but less than 10100	
Sub 7	10 but less than 1292.5	
Sub 8	12 but less than 1585	
Sub 9	15 but less than 22.5.....70	
Sub 10	22.5 but less than 30.....65	
Sub 11	30 or greater.....60	
179182	NOTE—No Change.	
179200	<p>Thumbtacks, etc ⇒Cancel; see item 179180</p>	

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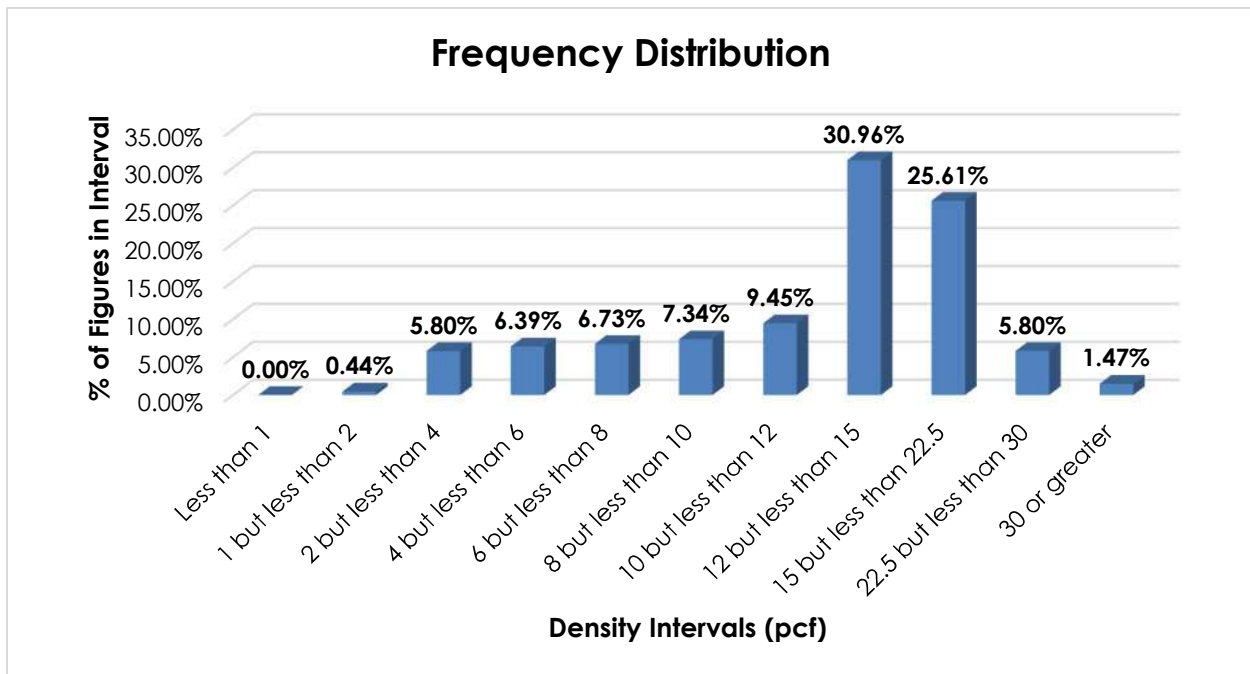
Analysis

Introduction

There are numerous items subject to the Office or Store Equipment Group and Stationery Group that name various types of office- or stationery-related products, and these provisions can be difficult to interpret, apply or verify. The transportation characteristics below relate to the items subject to the Office or Store Equipment Group and Stationery Group, other than item 179180, as shown in the Present Classification Provisions herein¹.

Transportation Characteristics

Density—The information of record includes 31,704 density observations obtained from the FCDC’s Density Study². The densities range from 1.07 to 36.42 pcf, with an overall average density of 13.37 pcf. As shown in the graph below, the density distribution is relatively uniform between 2 and 12 pcf, with distinct peaks in the 12 but less than 15 pcf, and 15 but less than 22.5 pcf intervals.



Handling, Stowability and Liability—There have been no reports of unusual or significant handling, stowability or liability concerns.

¹ Items 153120 and 153730 are subject to the Paper Articles Group but encompass related commodities, and the transportation characteristics are included in this proposal.

² The Density Study is part of an ongoing effort by the FCDC to collect information on actual shipments across all product categories handled by the LTL industry. Carriers that choose to participate in the Study periodically submit shipment data captured through their respective freight auditing programs. The FCDC uses verifiable data points, identified by NMFC item, that include the weight and the dimensions and/or cube of the shipping unit.

SUBJECT 7**Conclusion**

Based on the foregoing analysis, numerous items, as shown in the Proposed Classification Provisions herein, would be canceled with reference to the full-scale, density-based provisions of item 179180³. Concurrently, item 179180 would be amended to read, "Stationery or Office Supplies," and the "viz." listing would also be amended in the interest of clarification and simplification.

Moreover, item 179100 would be canceled with reference to item 151250 and provisions otherwise applicable. Numerous Notes and the generic headings, items 142000 and 178850, would be canceled with no further application, and the indentations for item 179180 would be adjusted accordingly.

³ Item 179180 provides the FCDC's standard 11-subprovision density scale, which includes reference to Item (Rule) 170, the inadvertence clause.