

SUBJECT 17

Re: Sanitary Napkins or Pads, or Tampons — Items 59230 and 59415

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Proponent: Freight Classification Development Council

Present Classification Provisions

Item	Description	Class
DRUGS, MEDICINES, TOILET PREPARATIONS OR PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS		
GROUP: subject to item 58500		
59230	Sanitary Napkins or Pads:	
Sub 1	NOI, in bales, boxes or Package 2278	200
Sub 2	Individually packaged in inner containers, in boxes	125
59415	Tampons:	
Sub 1	With applicators, in boxes or Package 2491	92.5
Sub 2	Without applicators, in boxes	77.5

Package 2491

SHIPPING CONTAINER: Stretch wrapped palletized unit load of tiered layers of cartons placed in a common top and bottom tray, with fiberboard corner posts.

Unit Container—Chipboard folding cartons.

Tray and Top Cap—Common design-style trays of die-cut corrugated fiberboard of 250 pound test with minimum flange height of three inches.

Separators—Each tier of layered cartons must be separated by a fiberboard slip sheet.

Corner Posts—Full-height, L-shaped corner posts of 1/4 inch thickness solid fiberboard, positioned and held in place within flanges of top cap and bottom tray.

Film—Linear-low density-polyethylene film (LLDPE) of 0.8 mil thickness completely covering sides and extending sufficiently high to lock load to top cap and extending sufficiently downward to secure load to pallet, providing for not less than 2 plies of overlapping film.

Pallet—Pallet must be of wood or fiberboard construction providing for a top surface area larger in dimension than placed load.

GROSS WEIGHT: Not to exceed 300 pounds.

Proposed Classification Provisions

Item	Description	Class
DRUGS, MEDICINES, TOILET PREPARATIONS OR PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS		
GROUP: subject to item 58500		
59230	Sanitary Napkins or Pads, etc	⇒Cancel; see item NEW

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Proposed Classification Provisions — Concluded

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DRUGS, MEDICINES, TOILET PREPARATIONS OR PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS		
GROUP: subject to item 58500		
59415	Tampons, etc	⇒Cancel; see item NEW
⇒NEW	Tampons, Pads or Sanitary Napkins, feminine hygiene, in boxes	150

Package 2491

⇒Cancel; no further application.

Analysis

Introduction

This proposal is in response to indications that shipments of sanitary napkins or pads, or tampons, as named in items 59230 and 59415, respectively, exhibit transportation characteristics inconsistent with the currently assigned classes.

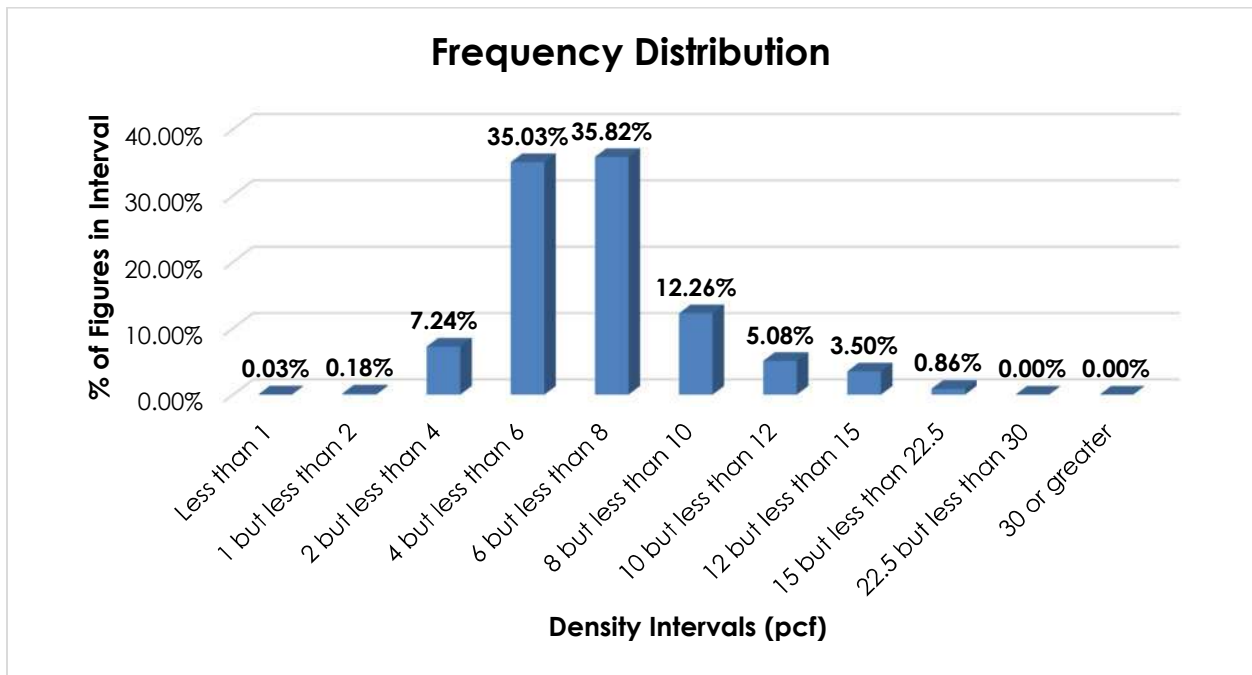
Transportation Characteristics

Density—The information of record includes 3,939 density observations obtained from the FCDC’s Density Study¹. The densities range from 0.94 to 16.60 pcf, with an overall average density of 6.76 pcf. As shown in the graph on the following page, the densities are tightly clustered around the average, with almost 71% of the figures falling between 4 and 8 pcf, and over 83% of the figures falling between 4 and 10 pcf.

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¹ 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.

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Handling, Stowability and Liability—Care must be taken to avoid stowing the involved products with hazardous materials or other freight that may pose a contamination risk. However, there have been no reports of unusual or significant handling, stowability or liability issues.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing analysis, this proposal would cancel items 59230 and 59415 with reference to a new item, naming “Tampons, Pads or Sanitary Napkins, feminine hygiene,” at class 150.

The FCDC's Packaging Manager has reviewed the proposed minimum packaging requirements and determined that they are appropriate for the LTL environment. Additionally, pursuant to the recommendation of the FCDC's Packaging Manager, Package 2491 would be canceled with no further application.