

SUBJECT 8

Re: Pools or Parts thereof; or Pool Kits

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Proponent: Freight Classification Development Council

Present Classification Provisions

Item	Description	Class
	ATHLETIC GOODS GROUP: subject to item 15500	
15520	Athletic or Sporting Goods, viz.: Athletic or Sporting Goods or Equipment , NOI; Pools or Pool Kits , swimming or wading, above-ground or semi-inground, see Note, item 15527; or Parts thereof , NOI; [Other Articles Listed—Not Involved.] In boxes or crates, see Note, item 15522, 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
15522	NOTE—Not Involved.	
15523	NOTE—Not Involved.	
15524	NOTE—Not Involved.	
15525	NOTE—Not Involved.	
15526	NOTE—Not Involved.	
15527	NOTE—Also applies on accompanying complement of accessories or equipment.	
15528	NOTE—Not Involved.	
	BUILDING MATERIALS, MISCELLANEOUS, GROUP: subject to item 33570	
35032	Materials or Panels , in-ground swimming pool construction, see Notes, items 35033 and 35034, in packages	125
35033	NOTE—Applies on wall panels for the construction of in-ground swimming pools, with or without installation hardware and with or without one or more of the following: full or partial liners; coping; or bracing.	
35034	NOTE—Also applies on hardware necessary for installation. May also include articles such as filters, pumps, skimmers, fittings and ladders not to exceed ten percent of the total weight on which charges are assessed.	

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Proposed Classification Provisions

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15523	NOTE—No Change.	
15524	NOTE—No Change.	
15525	NOTE—No Change.	
15526	NOTE—No Change.	
15527	NOTE—⇒Pool Kits refer to accompanying complement of accessories or equipment as stated on the Bill of Lading.	
15528	NOTE—No Change.	
	BUILDING MATERIALS, MISCELLANEOUS, GROUP: subject to item 33570	
35032	Materials or Panels , in-ground swimming pool construction, etc ⇒Cancel; see item 15520	
35033	NOTE—⇒Cancel; no further application.	
35034	NOTE—⇒Cancel; no further application.	

Analysis

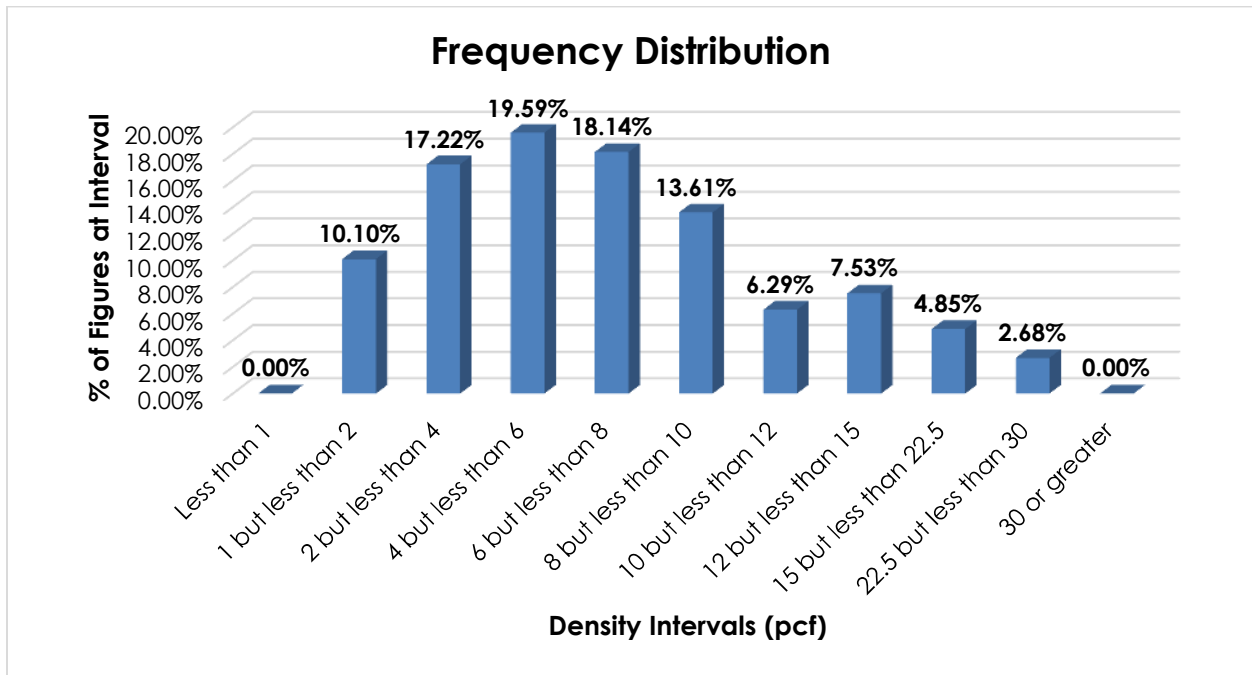
Introduction

This proposal responds to the summation of Research Project 1523, which sought to review the transportation characteristics of materials or panels for in-ground swimming pool construction, as named in item 35032.

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Transportation Characteristics

Density—The information of record includes 970 density observations obtained from the FCDC’s Density Study¹. The densities range from 1.03 to 28.89 pcf, with an overall average density of 7.32 pcf. As shown in the graph below, the densities are widely distributed throughout the range.



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

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing analysis, item 35032 would be canceled with reference to the full-scale, density-based provisions of item 15520².

Concurrently, in the interest of clarification and simplification, this proposal would amend the “viz.” listing in item 15520 to read, “Pools or Parts thereof, swimming or wading, NOI; or Pool Kits, swimming or wading, NOI.”

Note, item 15527 would be amended for clarification.

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.

² Item 15520 provides the FCDC’s standard 11-subprovision density scale, which includes reference to Item (Rule) 170, the inadvertence clause.