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Re: Leather, Leatherboard or Leather Goods

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Quick View

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Quick View: Ten items related to leather, leatherboard, and leather goods are canceled with reference to a new item with classes predicated on the FCDC's 13-subprovision density scale.

- Generic heading, item 110600, canceled with no further application
- Five Notes canceled with no further application

Transportation Characteristics Present:

- Handling ☐Yes ☒No Stowability ☐Yes ☒No Liability ☐Yes ☒No Density ☒Yes ☐No

Provisions based on:

- FCDC's 13-subprovision density scale

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Present Classification Provisions

Item	Description	Class
110580	Leather Goods , NOI, in boxes or drums	100
110600	LEATHER OR LEATHERBOARD:	
110620	Blue Chrome Splits , partially tanned and having moisture content not less than 30 percent, in packages	70
110640	Chamois , in boxes or drums	100
110660	Leather , ground, in bags, bales, boxes or drums	70
110680	Leather, viz.:	
	Bellies , rough;	
	Butts , rough belting;	
	Ends , rough belting butt;	
	Leather , sole, cut stock, including soles, heels, taps, counters or welting;	
	Leather , sole;	
	Leather , transmission belting;	
	Leathers , cattle hide, horsehide, pigskin, sheepskin or lambskin in the original tannery shapes (not cut to shape for final use), not including kip skin nor calfskin leather;	
	Shoulders , rough;	
	Splits , rough;	
	In packages, see Notes, items 110682 and 110684.....	70
110682	NOTE—Blocks, squares or strips, other than bellies, heads or shoulders, of sole leather, in bundles, must be completely wrapped with burlap or strong paper; or bundles must have wooden boards on top and bottom securely bound with metal bands or wire.	
110684	NOTE—Will also apply on shipments consisting of leather counters, heels, soles or taps, in combination packages with small tubes of rubber or leather cement or nails for affixing to boots or shoes.	
110700	Leather , NOI, in packages, see Note, item 110702	85
110702	NOTE—Bundles or rolls, in shipments of less than 24,000 pounds, must be completely wrapped with burlap or strong paper. Rough or unfinished walrus leather may be shipped loose.	
110720	Leather , pancake, in packages.....	70
110800	Leather Scrap , NOI, in packages, see Note, item 110804:	
Sub 1	Released value not exceeding 3-½ cents per pound, see Note, item 110802	60
Sub 2	Not released as to value.....	70

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Present Classification Provisions—Concluded

Item	Description	Class
	LEATHER OR LEATHERBOARD: subject to item 110600	
110802	NOTE—The value declared in writing by the shipper, or agreed upon in writing as the released value of the property, as the case may be, must be entered on the shipping order and bill of lading as follows: <i>"The agreed or declared value of the property is hereby specifically stated by the shipper to be not exceeding _____ cents per pound."</i> (Classes herein based on released value have been authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Released Rates Order MC No. 1 of January 16, 1936, as amended October 20, 1948, August 9, 1966, October 7, 1966, October 12, 1970 and March 31, 1980.)	
110804	NOTE—Applies only on old worn-out leather articles, other than belting, boots or shoes, or on scraps of old (used) leather, or on tanners' tearoffs or rough roundings, or on leather refuse from the manufacture of leather or leather goods, and does not apply on bellies, heads, shanks or shoulders, nor on leather cut or stamped into forms, shapes or strips.	
110820	Leatherboard , scrap, value declared in writing by shipper, or agreed upon in writing as the released value of the property, in accordance with the following, see Note, item 110802, in packages:	
Sub 1	Released value not exceeding 3½ cents per pound.....	60
Sub 2	Released value exceeding 3½ cents per pound	70
110860	Tie Strings (Rawhide Leather Strips of Irregular Width and Length) , in bales, boxes or drums	70

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Proposed Classification Provisions

Item	Description	Class
110580	Leather Goods , NOI, etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item NEW
110600	LEATHER OR LEATHERBOARD:	⇒Cancel; no further application
110620	Blue Chrome Splits , partially tanned and having moisture content not less than 30 percent, etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item NEW
110640	Chamois , etc	⇒Cancel; see item NEW
110660	Leather , ground, etc	⇒Cancel; see item NEW
110680	Leather, viz.: Bellies , rough; Butts , rough belting; Ends , rough belting butt; Leather , sole, cut stock, including soles, heels, taps, counters or welting; Leather , sole; Leather , transmission belting; Leathers , cattle hide, horsehide, pigskin, sheepskin or lambskin in the original tannery shapes (not cut to shape for final use), not including kip skin nor calfskin leather; Shoulders , rough; Splits , rough, etc	⇒Cancel; see item NEW
110682	NOTE—⇒Cancel; no further application.	
110684	NOTE—⇒Cancel; no further application.	
110700	Leather , NOI, etc	⇒Cancel; see item NEW
110702	NOTE—⇒Cancel; no further application.	
110720	Leather , pancake, etc	⇒Cancel; see item NEW
110800	Leather Scrap , NOI, etc	⇒Cancel; see item NEW
110802	NOTE—⇒Cancel; no further application.	
110804	NOTE—⇒Cancel; no further application.	
110820	Leatherboard , scrap, value declared in writing by shipper, or agreed upon in writing as the released value of the property, in accordance with the following, etc	⇒Cancel; see item NEW
110860	Tie Strings (Rawhide Leather Strips of Irregular Width and Length) , etc	⇒Cancel; see item NEW

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Proposed Classification Provisions—Concluded

Item	Description	Class
⇒NEW	Leather, Leatherboard or Leather Goods , NOI, including Scrap Leather , In bags, boxes, crates or drums, or in wrapped bundles or rolls, 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 but less than 35	60
Sub 12	35 but less than 50	55
Sub 13	50 or greater	50

Analysis

Introduction

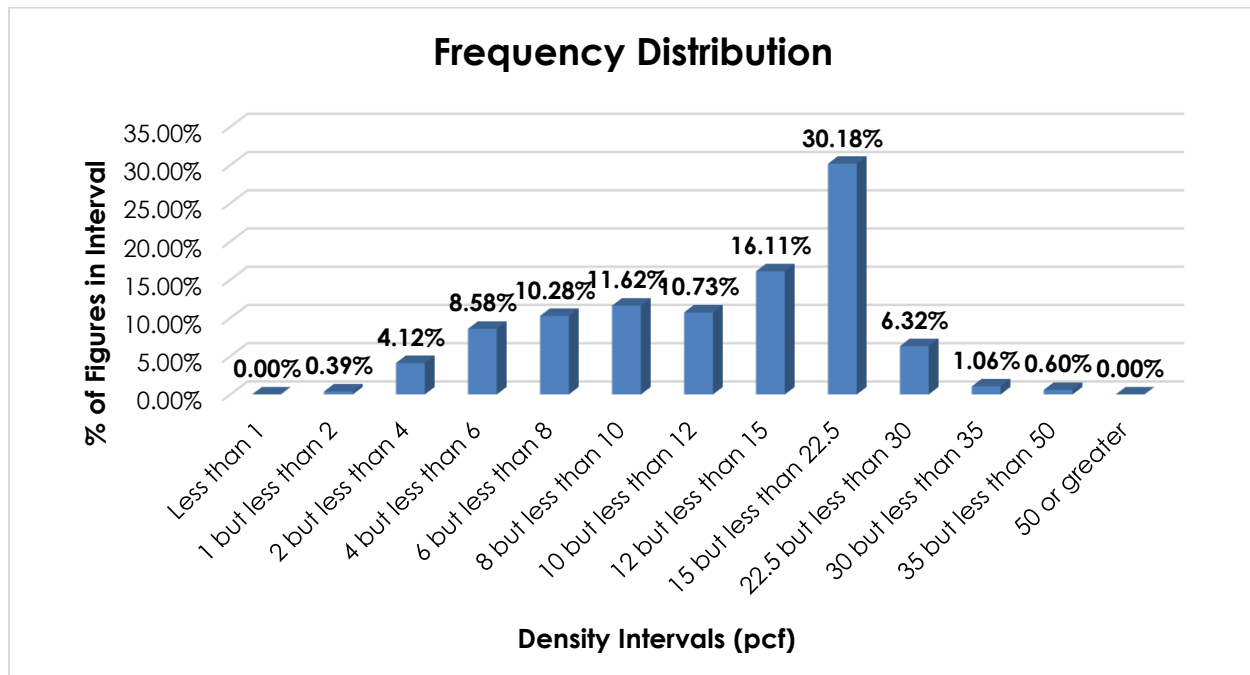
Ten items, as shown in the Present Classification Provisions herein, name particular types of leather, leatherboard, or leather goods, and these provisions can be difficult to interpret, apply, or verify.

Transportation Characteristics

Density—The information of record includes 12,037 density observations obtained from the FCDC’s Density Study⁸. The densities range from 1.51 to 43.71 pcf, with an overall average density of 13.25 pcf. As shown in the graph on following page, the density distribution is left-skewed, with a distinct peak in the 15 but less than 22.5 pcf interval.

⁸ 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—There have been no reports of unusual or significant handling, stowability, or liability issues.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing analysis, the involved articles do not present any unusual or significant handling, stowing, or liability issues, and density has been determined to be the primary transportation characteristic.

Therefore, nine items subject to the Leather or Leatherboard generic heading and item 110580 would be canceled with reference to the new item, naming “Leather, Leatherboard or Leather Goods, NOI, including Scrap Leather.” The new item would provide classes predicated on the FCDC’s standard 13-subprovision density scale⁹.

Additionally, the Leather or Leatherboard generic heading, item 110600, would be canceled with no further application. Furthermore, five Notes would be canceled with no further application.

The FCDC’s Packaging Development Manager has reviewed the proposed minimum packaging requirements and determined they are appropriate for the LTL environment.

⁹ The FCDC’s standard 13-subprovision density scale includes reference to Item (Rule) 170, the inadvertence clause.