

SUBJECT 11

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Re: Armored Vests

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Quick View

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Quick View: “Vests, NOI” is added to the “viz.” listing in item 49880.

- New Note established attendant to item 49880
- New Notes added to Ordnance and Quartermasters’ Stores Groups

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
49880*	<p>CLOTHING GROUP: subject to item 49790</p> <p>Clothing, see Notes, items 49881 and 49885, viz.:</p> <p>Belts, NOI, in boxes;</p> <p>Clothing, crinoline or bouffant, in boxes;</p> <p>Clothing, Garments or Apparel, NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265;</p> <p>Coats, Jackets or Outerwear, NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265;</p> <p>Costumes, masquerade or theatrical, including mascot or entertainment character, see Note, item 49886, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265;</p> <p>Gloves or Mittens, NOI, in boxes, see Note, item 49882;</p> <p>Gowns, academic, see Note, item 49883, in boxes;</p> <p>Hose Supporters, in boxes;</p> <p>Hosiery, NOI; Pantyhose, Socks; Stockings, or Tights, in boxes, see Note, item 49883;</p> <p>Pants, Slacks, Trousers or Shorts, NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265;</p> <p>Shirts or Blouses, NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265;</p> <p>Skirts or Dresses, NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265;</p> <p>Sleepwear, NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265;</p> <p>Supporters, athletic (Suspensories), male, fabric, without snaps, buckles, ties or other fastening or adjusting devices, in boxes;</p> <p>Suspenders, in boxes;</p> <p>Undergarments or Underwear, NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265;</p>	

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Present Classification Provisions—Concluded

Item	Description	Class
	CLOTHING GROUP: subject to item 49790	
	Clothing: subject to item 49880	
	Waders, trouser or overall type, including Chest Waders, with or without integral boots or shoes, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265;	
	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
49881	NOTE—Also applies on complement of hangers in the same package.	
49882	NOTE—Also applies when shipped in or on point-of-purchase display racks or stands, in boxes, or in boxes that serve as point-of-purchase display racks or stands.	
49883	NOTE—Boxes may include caps (mortarboards), tassels, collars or honor cords.	
49885	NOTE—Applies on clothing whether new or used but does not apply on: Disposable clothing produced from paper or nonwoven cloth, with or without reinforcement of other materials, see item 56545; Fur or animal hide clothing or clothing lined with fur or animal hide, see items 49825 and 49830; or Worn-out clothing having value only for conversion into fiber or for reclamation of raw materials, see item 196200.	
49886	NOTE—Also applies on costumes with masks or other accessories in the same package, or when formed or molded into the shape of figures or images.	
145600	ORDNANCE GROUP:	
163600	QUARTERMASTERS' STORES GROUP:	

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49790	CLOTHING GROUP: subject to item 49790	
49880	Clothing , see Notes, items 49881, 49885 and A-NEW, viz.: Belts , NOI, in boxes; Clothing , crinoline or bouffant, in boxes; Clothing, Garments or Apparel , NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265; Coats, Jackets or Outerwear , NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265; Costumes , masquerade or theatrical, including mascot or entertainment character, see Note, item 49886, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265; Gloves or Mittens , NOI, in boxes, see Note, item 49882; Gowns , academic, see Note, item 49883, in boxes; Hose Supporters , in boxes; Hosiery , NOI; Pantyhose, Socks; Stockings, or Tights , in boxes, see Note, item 49883; Pants, Slacks, Trousers or Shorts , NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265; Shirts or Blouses , NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265; Skirts or Dresses , NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265; Sleepwear , NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265; Supporters , athletic (Suspensories), male, fabric, without snaps, buckles, ties or other fastening or adjusting devices, in boxes; Suspenders , in boxes; Undergarments or Underwear , NOI, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265;	

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	CLOTHING GROUP: subject to item 49790	
	Clothing: subject to item 49880	
	⇒ Vests , NOI, in boxes;	
	Waders , trouser or overall type, including Chest Waders , with or without integral boots or shoes, in boxes or Packages 1401 or 2265;	
	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
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49881	NOTE—No Change.	
49882	NOTE—No Change.	
49883	NOTE—No Change.	
49885	NOTE—No Change.	
49886	NOTE—No Change.	
⇒A-NEW	NOTE—Applies on articles of clothing with or without components of other materials.	
145600	ORDNANCE GROUP: see Note, item B-NEW	
⇒B-NEW	NOTE—United States Military regulations notwithstanding, for classification purposes, articles subject to this grouping are defined as matter shipped for acceptance, processing and delivery at a government military installation.	
163600	QUARTERMASTERS' STORES GROUP: see Note, item C-NEW	
⇒C-NEW	NOTE—United States Military regulations notwithstanding, for classification purposes, articles subject to this grouping are defined as matter shipped for acceptance, processing and delivery at a government military installation.	

SUBJECT 11**Analysis and Conclusion**

This proposal addresses interpretive issues affecting items, such as armored vests and how class designation depends on where the item is being delivered. In the interest of clarification and simplification, and to alleviate these interpretive issues, item 49880¹⁹ would be amended to include "Vests, NOI," in the "viz." listing. A new Note would also be established attendant to item 49880 to clarify the application of the articles within the "viz."

Moreover, two additional Notes would be established to clarify the application of the items subject to both the Ordnance Group and Quartermasters' Stores Group generic headings.

¹⁹ Item 49880 provides the FCDC's standard 13-subprovision density scale, which includes reference to Item (Rule) 170, the inadvertence clause.