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SUBJECT 21: Item (Rule) 680, Sec. 7(a) – Articles Tendered on Skids**Re:** Item (Rule) 680, Sec. 7(a) – Articles Tendered on Skids**Contact:** Larissa Franklin

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Proposed Classification Provisions

It is proposed to amend Item 680, Packing or Packaging—General, to read as follows:

ITEM 680

PACKING OR PACKAGING—General

Secs. 1-6. (d) No Change.

Sec. 7. (a) Articles in packages or shipping forms, as authorized in individual item descriptions, will be accepted when secured on skids meeting the requirements of Item 270 or on lift truck skids meeting the requirements of Item 265. When articles are authorized to move on skids within individual item descriptions, skids must meet the requirements of Item 270 or Item 265.

Secs. 7. (b)-17. No Change.

Analysis and Conclusion

Item (Rule) 680, Sec. 7(a) currently states that, as authorized in individual item descriptions, articles in packages or shipping forms will be accepted on skids that meet the requirements of Item (Rule) 270, and that when articles are authorized to move “on skids,” the skids must meet the requirements of Item (Rule) 270 as well. Item (Rule) 265 provides specifications for lift truck skids, which often afford a higher level of protection than standard skids (i.e., runners made of wood, metal or other material that are secured directly to the bottom(s) of article(s)). By precluding lift truck skids from Section 7(a) of Item (Rule) 680, there is a missed opportunity to provide provisions for packaging forms that offer better protection of shipped articles.

FCDC packaging policies state that the FCDC is to establish and maintain packaging rules and specifications as necessary to ensure that freight is adequately protected and can be handled and stowed in a manner that is reasonably safe and practicable so as to withstand the normal rigors of the less-than-truckload environment. As such, it would be consistent with classification policies to amend Item (Rule) 680, Sec. 7(a) to include lift truck skids, as described in Item (Rule) 265.