

SUBJECT 31

SUBJECT 31: Item (Rule) 680, Note 3 – Articles Tendered on Reels**Re:** Item (Rule) 680, Note 3 – Articles Tendered on Reels**Contact:** Larissa A. Franklin

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Proponent: Weighing and Research Council's Packaging Committee**Quick View**

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Quick View: Item (Rule) 680, Note 3 is amended to provide an equation to determine compliancy of commodities wrapped or wound on reels.

- New figure added to clarify necessary measurements

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Present Classification Provisions

ITEM 680

PACKING OR PACKAGING—GENERAL

Sec. 1. (a) Not Involved.

Notes 1 and 2—Not Involved.

Note 3—Unless otherwise provided, articles tendered on reels shall be deemed to be in compliance when the reel is filled to not less than 65 percent of capacity. When filled to less than 65 percent of capacity, the gross weight of the reel and its contents will be subject to the class applicable to either the reel or its contents, whichever is higher.

Note 4—Not Involved.

Secs. 1. (b)-17. Not Involved.

Proposed Classification Provisions

ITEM 680

PACKING OR PACKAGING—GENERAL

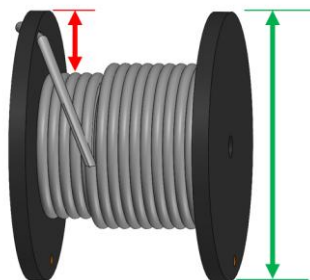
Secs. 1. (a) No Change.

Notes 1 and 2—No Change.

Note 3—Unless otherwise provided, articles tendered on reels shall be deemed to be in compliance when the reel is filled to not less than 65 percent capacity. The occupancy of the reel shall be determined using the following measurements and formula. If the result of the calculation is equal to or less than 0.35, the reel and its contents shall be deemed to be in compliance. If the result of the calculation is greater than 0.35, the gross weight of the reel and the commodity wrapped or wound thereon will be subject to the class applicable to either the reel or the commodity, whichever is higher.

Reel Capacity

$$= \frac{\text{Distance from Innermost Exposed Wrap of Commodity to Outermost Edge of the Reel's Flange (in or cm)}}{\text{Diameter of the Reel's Flange (in or cm)}}$$



Note 4—No Change.

Secs. 1. (b)-17. No Change.

SUBJECT 31**Analysis and Conclusion**

This proposal was developed in conjunction with the NMFTA's Weighing and Research Council's Packaging Committee in response to action taken on Docket 2023-3, Subject 19 (Item (Rule) 680, Note 3 — Articles Tendered on Reels). That proposal was withdrawn as a result of comments made at the FCDC's October 2023 public meeting stating that the proposed provisions for Item (Rule) 680, Note 3 would be difficult to apply. The Proposed Provisions herein are based on subsequent discussions held during several Packaging Committee meetings.

An equation was developed to alleviate interpretive issues in applying Item (Rule) 680, Note 3. As such, this proposal would maintain the requirement for an article to occupy at least "65% of capacity" of a reel to be deemed compliant. If the occupancy stipulations are not met, then the gross weight of the reel and article wrapped or wound thereon will be subject to the class applicable to the reel or the commodity, whichever is higher. This proposed requirement would thus parallel with the compliancy specifications delineated in Notes 1 and 2 of Item (Rule) 680.

Additionally, a new figure would be added to clarify how to obtain and apply the appropriate measurements for the proposed calculation.