

SUBJECT 1 — DOCKET 2026-2 — DISAPPROVED

THIS SUBJECT PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS THAT WERE NOT ADOPTED

It is proposed to amend Item 110, Definitions and Explanations of Terms, Punctuations and References, to read as follows:

Item 110

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS OF TERMS, PUNCTUATION AND REFERENCES

Secs. 1-8. (c) No Change.

Sec. 8. (d) Unless otherwise provided, where a shipment consists of multiple handling units, the density shall be calculated on each handling unit, except that where shipping papers show only a total weight for all handling units tendered, the density shall be calculated on each handling unit provided the weight and dimensions of each handling unit are identifiable by the carrier.

Secs. 9-24. No Change.

It is proposed to amend Item 640, Mixed Shipments and Articles Classified by Weight or Quantity, to read as follows:

Item 640

MIXED SHIPMENTS AND ARTICLES CLASSIFIED BY WEIGHT OR QUANTITY

Sec. 1. When a single shipment is subject to one class, it will be assessed using the actual or authorized estimated weight and at the applicable class.

Sec. 2. When a single shipment contains articles subject to two or more classes, the bill of lading must specify each article separately. Except as outlined in Sec. 3, each handling unit shall be classified in accordance with the 13-subprovision density scale published within this Classification. When the shipper has provided weight and dimensions for each handling unit on the original bill of lading, those weights and dimensions will be used to calculate density, pending carrier verification. In the absence of accurate information on the original bill of lading, at carrier's discretion, density may be calculated based on the total weight and overall cube of the entire shipment or on the weight and dimensions of each individual package or handling unit. In such instances all parties must be notified of the use of this Rule and section.

Sec 3. In the case that a unitized handling unit contains an article bearing the HS&L symbol (👉), Bomburst symbol (💣), or has classes based on packaging, greatest dimension, or some other factor besides density, the handling unit will be assessed at the class provided for the highest classed article in or on the unitized handling unit. In such instances, all parties must be notified of the use of this Rule and section.

SUBJECT 1 — DOCKET 2026-2 — DISAPPROVED — Concluded

THIS SUBJECT PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS THAT WERE NOT ADOPTED

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

Item 680

PACKING OR PACKAGING—GENERAL

Secs. 1-17. No Change.

⇒**Sec. 18.** When unitization to pallets, platforms, skids or racks is by container of box-type fiberboard construction, packing devices must be used in any unoccupied space between inner packages and inside top of outer container. Packing devices used must be of sufficient strength and design to prevent collapse of the outer container when top loaded with other freight.

Comment: The FCDC voted to disapprove this proposal. The current provisions will continue to apply.

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SUBJECT 2 — DOCKET 2026-2 — APPROVED AS DOCKETED

It is proposed to amend Item 420, Classification of Articles—General to read as follows:

Item 420

CLASSIFICATION OF ARTICLES—GENERAL

Secs. 1-4. No Change.

Sec 5. In determining the applicable classification provision, a specific description takes precedence over a more general description provided the article or material being classified is embraced within the terms of the specific description, including any generic heading, subheading(s) and Note reference(s). ⇒See Note 1.

⇒**Note 1**—In determining the applicable item number for a commodity that is regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation as hazardous and is required to bear a Hazard Class or Hazard Division label or placard, an item bearing the bomburst symbol (☼) takes precedence over an item that does not bear the symbol. In deciding between multiple items providing the bomburst symbol, the most specific description will take precedence. The determination of the applicable class remains subject to Item 680, Sec. 1 (a), Note 2(a) and (b).

Comment: Note 1 is added to Item (Rule) 420, Sec. 5 clarifying that provisions bearing the bomburst symbol (☼) take precedence over provisions without the symbol when classifying a commodity that is regulated as hazardous.

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