

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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