

SUBJECT 3 — DOCKET 2026-2 — APPROVED AS DOCKETED

It is proposed to amend Item 540, Hazardous Materials, to read as follows:

ITEM 540

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Secs. 1-3. No Change.

Sec. 4. Empty Shipping Packages Containing Hazardous Material Residue: Empty shipping packages containing the residue of hazardous material regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation will be classified as the package itself ⇨when: 1) either the material name, identification number, hazard warning label(s) or placard(s), and any other markings indicating that the material is hazardous have been removed, obliterated or securely covered, or the shipment meets the requirements of 49 CFR § 172.303 for markings and 49 CFR § 172.401(d) for labels; and 2) they are excepted from the hazardous materials regulations, per 49 CFR §173.29. Otherwise, the package will be classified as the hazardous material contained therein.

While compliance with U.S. Department of Transportation hazardous materials regulations must be made, determination of the applicable class ⇨for packages containing hazardous material residue is subject to Item 680, Sec. 1(a), Note 2(a) and (b).

Sec. 5. No Change.

Notes A-E—No Change.

Comment: Item (Rule) 540, Sec. 4 is amended to remove the term "only" in the first paragraph and add phrasing in the second paragraph to clarify the application of Item (Rule) 680, Sec. 1(a), Note 2(a) and (b).

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Item	Description	Class
47490	CHINA GROUP, etc.....	⇨Cancel; no further application
47495	Birdbaths, terra cotta, etc	⇨Cancel; see item 47500

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Item	Description	Class
	CHINA GROUP: subject to item 47490	
⇒47500	Ceramicware, China, Earthenware, Porcelain or Stoneware , NOI, in boxes or crates, 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
47501	NOTE—⇒Cancel; no further application.	
⇒47502	NOTE—Articles must be protected by interior packing forms or packaging materials necessary to afford adequate protection against damage.	
47545	Flower Boxes , terra cotta, etc	⇒Cancel; see item 47500
47550	Flowerpots or Flowerpot Saucers , etc	⇒Cancel; see item 47500

Item 172

LIMITATION OF CARRIER LIABILITY WHERE VALUE IS NOT DECLARED BY SHIPPER

Where item ⇒47500, 88160, 100240, 164900, or 168960 of this Classification applies, and shipper fails to declare a value as required by those provisions, the shipment will not be accepted, but if the shipment is inadvertently accepted, the carrier's liability shall be limited as follows:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	VALUE LIMITATION
⇒47500	⇒ Ceramicware, China, Earthenware, Porcelain or Stoneware , NOI	⇒\$1.70 per pound
88160	Glassware , NOI	\$19.00 per pound
100240	Household Goods, Personal Effects or Military Baggage , other than shipments moving under the U.S. Department of Defense Personal Property Program	\$0.10 per pound
164900	Radioactive Materials	\$25.00 per pound
168960	Records, Documents or Files , office	\$0.25 per pound

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Item 172 (concluded)

Where the provisions of other tariffs apply, and those provisions specify a limitation of the carrier's liability absent a release or value declaration by the shipper, the carrier's liability shall be limited to the extent provided by such applicable provisions when the shipper does not make the requisite or specified release or value declaration.

Comment: All items subject to the China Group are canceled with reference to item 47500, which provides the FCDC's 13-subprovision density scale. New Note, item 47502 is established attendant to the new item to provide additional packaging requirements. Additionally, the China Group generic heading and Note, item 47501, are canceled with no further application. Concurrently, the indentation of item 47500 is amended accordingly. Furthermore, Item (Rule) 172 is amended to remove reference to item 47500.

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SUBJECT 5 — DOCKET 2026-2 — APPROVED AS DOCKETED

Item	Description	Class
56290	Decorations, Notions or Novelties , see Notes, items 56291, and 56292, viz.: Decorations, Notions or Novelties , NOI; [Other Articles Listed—No Change.] In boxes, 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
56291	NOTE—No Change.	
56292	NOTE—No Change.	
56294	NOTE—No Change.	
56295	NOTE—No Change.	
56296	NOTE—No Change.	