

intended effect of this rule is to enhance the accuracy and reduce misunderstandings of the regulations. The amendments contained in this rule are minor changes and do not impose new requirements.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA, we) annually reviews the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) to identify errors that may confuse readers. Inaccuracies corrected in this final rule include typographical and printing errors, incorrect references to regulations in the CFR, inconsistent use of terminology, and misstatements of certain regulatory requirements. In addition, we are making certain other changes to improve the clarity of certain HMR requirements.

Because these amendments do not impose new requirements, notice and public procedure are unnecessary. For this same reason, we are making these amendments effective without the customary 30-day delay following publication.

The following is a section-by-section summary of the amendments made under this final rule. It does not discuss all minor editorial corrections (for example, typographical and punctuation errors) and certain other minor adjustments to enhance the clarity of the HMR.

II. Section-by-Section Review

Part 171

Sections 171.15 and 171.16. In §§ 171.15(b) and 171.16(b), we are updating the term "FAA Civil Aviation Security Office" to read "FAA Regional or Field Security Office."

Part 172

Section 172.101 Hazardous Materials Table (HMT). We are amending the HMT by correcting certain entries as follows:

—The hazard class for the entry "Combustible liquid, n.o.s.," NA1993, is revised by correcting Column (3) to read "Combustible liquid." Due to a typographical error, the entry currently reads "Combustible."

—For the entry "Self-reactive liquid type F," UN3229, we are correcting the reference "114" to read "224."

Section 172.102. We are correcting Special Provision 15 by removing text that conflicts with the assigned packaging authorization section, § 173.161, for the entries "Chemical kits," and "First aid kits." This correction is based on comments from the public stating that the text is confusing.

Section 172.201. We are revising paragraph (e) to clarify that the use and retention of a permanent shipping paper for multiple shipments of one or more hazardous materials being transported on a regular basis over an extended period is authorized. In the final rule published on July 12, 2002 (67 FR 46123) under Docket HM-207B, we authorized operators to retain a single copy of such permanent shipping papers for the period in which the shipping paper is used and 375 days thereafter, provided that the operator also retains a record of each shipment made under the shipping paper. Also, see § 177.817.

Section 172.321. We are editorially revising paragraph (c)(5) by removing the semi-colon and the word "and."

Section 172.332. We are revising paragraph (b)(3) by adding "0.25 inches" as the conversion for "18 points."

Part 173

Section 173.32. We are editorially revising paragraph (c)(2) for clarity by changing the word "it" to read "the portable tanks."

Section 173.134. In paragraph (c)(1)(ii), we are changing the wording "the specific packaging requirements of this section" to read "the specific packaging requirements of § 173.197."

Section 173.164. We are removing paragraph (a)(2) because it is redundant with the introductory paragraph (a).

Section 173.166. As revised in the final rule, HM-215E (68 FR 44992), published on July 31, 2003, we are editorially revising introductory paragraph (e) by adding "as follows" to connect the introductory paragraph to its subparagraphs.

Section 173.197. We are revising paragraph (e)(1)(i) by correcting two American Society for Testing and Materials Standard numbers.

Section 173.241. In paragraph (c), we are adding a sentence to refer the reader to the portable tank requirements in § 176.340 applicable to combustible liquids being transported by vessel.

Section 173.304a. In the table in paragraph (d), we are correcting the entry for hydrogen sulfide, in column 3,

to remove an inconsistency with provisions in §§ 173.40(b) and 173.301a(d)(3) that state the pressure of a gas at 55 °C (131 °F) may not exceed the cylinder's service pressure. The service pressure of hydrogen sulfide at 55 °C (131 °F) exceeds the marked service pressure, 480 psi, specified in the table.

Section 173.315. In paragraph (b)(1), we are correcting the word "That" to read "that".

Section 173.337. In paragraph (a), we are removing an incorrect reference to "3ALM" cylinders.

Section 173.412. In paragraph (l), we are correcting "40 TBq (1000Ci)" to read "40 TBq (1080Ci)" because it is a more precise conversion of the activity of 40 TBq to curies.

Section 173.420. In paragraph (a)(2)(i), we are removing the edition dates for American National Standard (ANSI) N 14.1 because they are indicated in § 171.7.

Part 175

Section 175.31 In paragraph (a), we are updating the term "FAA Civil Aviation Security Office" to read "FAA Regional or Field Security Office."

Part 176

Section 176.340 We are revising paragraph (a) to clarify the type of authorized portable tanks by adding the word "Specification."

Part 177

Section 177.817 We are revising paragraph (f) to clarify that the use and retention of a permanent shipping paper for multiple shipments of one or more hazardous materials being transported on a regular basis over an extended period is authorized. Also, see § 172.201.

Section 177.854. We are revising paragraph (f)(1) by correcting the spelling of the word "motor."

Part 178

Section 178.61. We are revising paragraph (g) to correct the location in 49 CFR for the heat treatment methods. The methods are contained in Table 1 of Appendix A to Part 178—Specifications for Steel. Currently, the paragraph incorrectly cites paragraph (b), which contains requirements for authorized steel and references Table 1 of Appendix A for chemical composition limits and makes no reference to heat treatment.

Section 178.274. We are revising paragraph (b)(1) to clarify that portable tanks used for Zone A or B toxic-by-inhalation liquids are required to have an ASME Certification and U Stamp.