



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATIONS BOARD

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

**[49 CFR Part 178]**

[Docket No. HM-13; Notice No. 69-1]

**SHIPPING CONTAINER  
SPECIFICATIONS**

**Notice of Proposed Rule Making**

The purpose of this notice is to request public comment on a proposed amendment to § 178.68 of the Hazardous Materials Regulations to eliminate the word "center" from the "center circumferential weld" requirement for DOT Specification 4E welded aluminum cylinders in § 178.68-2(a). A petitioner, Lennox Industries, Inc., Columbus, Ohio, states that the requirement for the weld seam to be in the center of the cylinder is unnecessarily restrictive and is not based on any known design criteria for pressure vessels.

The Board believes that there is merit in the petitioner's proposal and that adoption of this change would not adversely affect safety.

Interested persons are invited to give their views on this proposal. Communications should identify the docket number and be submitted in duplicate to the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, Department of Transportation, 400 Sixth Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received on or before March 20, 1969, will be considered before final action is taken on the proposal. All comments received will be available for examination by interested persons at the Office of the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, both before and after the closing date for comments.

This proposal is made under the authority of section 831-835 of title 18, United States Code, section 9 of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1657) and title VI and section 902(h) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1421-1430 and 1472(h)).

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