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49 CFR Part 171

[Docket No. HM-22; Amdt. No. 62]

**International Maritime Dangerous
Goods Code; Matter Incorporated by
Reference**

AGENCY: Materials Transportation
Bureau (MTB), Research and Special
Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this amendment is to update the reference in 49 CFR 171.7 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMCO Code) in order to recognize Amendments 17-79 and 18-79 to the IMCO Code. This document has been approved for incorporation by reference by the Director of the Office of the Federal Register.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 1981.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Materials Transportation Bureau finds it necessary in the public interest to amend regulations in 49 CFR 171.7 to recognize Amendments 17-79 and 18-79 to the IMCO Code which have recently been published by the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO). These amendments promulgate numerous miscellaneous changes to the IMCO Code and address such matters as listing, classification, labeling, packaging and documentation. IMCO has established June 1, 1981, as the implementation date for these amendments. Since this rule does not impose additional requirements, notice and public procedure thereon are considered unnecessary.

In consideration of the foregoing, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, § 171.7(d)(17), is revised to read as follows:

§ 171.7 Matter incorporated by reference.
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(17) "International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code" (IMCO Code), Volumes I, II, III and IV, 1977 Edition, and Amendments 14-76, 15-77, 16-78, 17-79 and 18-79 thereto.

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(49 U.S.C. 1803, 1804, 1808; 49 CFR 1.53 and Appendix A to Part 1)

Note.—The Materials Transportation Bureau has determined that, since this rule does not impose additional requirements, the document will not result in a "major rule" under the terms of Executive Order 12291, nor is it a "significant regulation" under DOT's regulatory policy and procedures (41 CFR 11034). Furthermore, this rule does not require an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (49 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). A regulatory evaluation and an environmental assessment are available for review in the docket.

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