

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Research and Special Programs  
Administration**

49 CFR Parts 171, 172, 173, 174, 175,  
176, 177, 178, and 179

[Docket No. 181, Notice No. 87-4]

**Performance-Oriented Packaging  
Standards; Miscellaneous Proposals;  
Reopening of Comment Period**

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs  
Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of  
comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On May 5, 1987, RSPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) (Docket No. HM-181; Notice No. 87-4) in the *Federal Register* (52 FR 16482) concerning performance-oriented packaging standards. On November 6, 1987, RSPA published a supplemental NPRM (52 FR 42772) containing corrections to the initial NPRM and additional proposals. An extension of the comment period from November 2, 1987 to February 26, 1988 was published in the *Federal Register* (52 FR 33906) on September 8, 1987, due to the pending supplemental NPRM and in response to several requests for additional time to submit comments. Due to the size and scope of Notice No. 87-4, several commenters have again indicated that additional time is needed to fully develop their responses to specific proposals. The areas addressed by these commenters included proposed bulk packaging provisions, reclassification of certain materials such as anhydrous ammonia, and non-bulk packaging requirements for poisonous liquids which are toxic by inhalation. RSPA believes that reopening the comment period is consistent with the public interest and, by this notice, is reopening the comment period for Notice No. 87-4 from February 26, 1988 to May 25, 1988.

**DATE:** Comments must be received on or before May 25, 1988.

**ADDRESS:** Address comments to the Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590. Comments should identify the docket and notice number and be submitted in five copies. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments should include a self-addressed stamped postcard. The

Dockets Unit is located in Room 8426 of the Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Public dockets may be reviewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Ann Boylan, Standards Division, Office of Hazardous Materials Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366-4488.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Research and Special Programs

## Administration

49 CFR Parts 171, 173, 174, 175,  
176, 177, 178, and 179

[Docket No. DOT-88-0018]

## Performance Standard Packaging

## Standards, Model Codes, Proposals

## Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY Research and Special Programs  
Administration (RSPA), DOTACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of  
comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On May 3, 1987, RSPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) [Docket No. HM-181; Notice No. 87-4] in the Federal Register [52 FR 16481] concerning performance oriented packaging standards. On November 9, 1987, RSPA published a supplemental NPRM [52 FR 42779] containing corrections to the initial NPRM and additional proposals. An extension of the comment period from November 2, 1987 to February 20, 1988 was published in the Federal Register [53 FR 18907] on September 11, 1988, due to the pending supplemental NPRM and in response to several requests for additional time to submit comments. Due to the size and scope of Notice No. 87-4, several commenters have again indicated that additional time is needed to fully develop their responses to specific proposals. The areas addressed by these commenters include proposed bulk packaging provisions, relaxation of certain materials such as anhydrous ammonia, and non-bulk packaging requirements for poisonous liquids which are toxic by inhalation. RSPA believes that reopening the comment period is consistent with the public interest, and by this notice is reopening the comment period for Notice No. 87-4 from February 20, 1988 to May 25, 1988.

**DATE:** Comments must be received on or before May 25, 1988.

**ADDRESS:** Address comments to the Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20590. Comments should be submitted in five copies. Each copy should include confirmation of receipt of their comments should include a self-addressed stamped postcard. The

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Ann Boytha, Standards Division, Office of Hazardous Materials, Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366-4100.

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