

**Research and Special Programs
Administration**

49 CFR Parts 173 and 178

[Docket HM-172; Amdt. No. 178-70]

**Marking and Record Retention
Requirements for Cylinders; Partial
Delay of Effective Date**

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

ACTION: Partial delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: MTB published a final rule in the Federal Register on April 15, 1982 (Docket HM-172, amendment numbers 173-156 and 178-70) with amendments affecting DOT's requirements for marking of compressed gas cylinders and submission and retention of inspection reports. The amendment had an effective date of July 1, 1982. A number of requests have been received from cylinder manufacturers stating that the effective date of July 1, 1982, as it pertains to items numbers 2 and 3 of the amendment (serial numbers and identifying symbols to be placed on cylinders) would cause them a severe hardship in handling customer orders, some of which were received prior to April 15, 1982. They requested that the effective date be delayed. The MTB believes that the requests have merit and is delaying the effective date of the revisions included in items 2 and 3 of the amendment.

DATES: The effective date of the amendments in items 2 and 3 to 178.51-19(a)(2), 178.56-19(a)(2), 178.61-20(a)(2), 178.36-20(a)(3), 178.37-20(a)(3), 178.38-20(a)(2), 178.39-19(a)(2), 178.42-14(a)(2), 178.44-23(a)(2), 178.47-21(a)(2), 178.50-19(a)(2), 178.53-18(a)(2), 178.54-20(a)(2), 178.55-20(a)(2), 178.57-20(a)(3), 178.58-21(a)(2), 178.59-18(a)(2), 178.60-22(a)(2) and 178.68-19(a)(2), which were published at 47 FR 16185, April 15, 1982 is changed from July 1, 1982 to January 1, 1983. The amendments contained in item 1 and items 4 through 10 of the April 15, 1982 rulemaking remain effective on July 1, 1982.

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