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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: On May 7, 1981, (46 FR 25491) MTB published notice of the availability of a draft revision of the IAEA "Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials" which is scheduled for adoption in 1983. Subsequently, MTB extended the public comment on the available draft until August 21, 1981 (46 FR 40540; August 10, 1981).

All of the comments received by MTB will be compiled and correlated to the IAEA draft. This compilation will be available to requestors on September 1, 1981, from the Dockets Branch, Materials Transportation Bureau, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. The Dockets Branch is located in Room 8426 of the Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, Washington, D.C. 20590. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone (202) 426-3148.

A public meeting has been scheduled to discuss the substance of this compilation and obtain input on any conflicting comments which may have been received. The meeting will focus specifically on this compilation of comments but, if time permits, other comments on the IAEA proposed revision will be received.

In order to most efficiently utilize the time available (9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.) persons wishing to make oral presentations are requested to notify Mr. Richard R. Rawl by September 9, 1981. This notification should include the speaker's name, affiliation and sections of the IAEA draft revision for which there will be comments. Time will be allocated as the number of identified speakers allows:

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Associate Director for Hazardous Materials Regulation, Materials Transportation Bureau.

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49 CFR Part 173

[Docket HM-178, Advance Notice]

**Definition of Flammable Solid;
Extension of Comment Period**

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

ACTION: Extension of time to file comments.

SUMMARY: On May 7, 1981, the Materials Transportation Bureau (MTB) published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking under Docket HM-178 (46 FR 25492) pertaining to the definition of a flammable solid. The notice requests comments on efforts to make that definition more specific and to provide tests which shippers may use to determine whether their products are flammable solids for purposes of transportation. By this notice, MTB is extending the comment period 90 days, from August 20, 1981, to November 19, 1981.

DATE: The time for filing comments is extended from August 20, 1981 to November 19, 1981.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In consideration of a request made by the Aluminum Recycling Association for additional time in which it may file comments on this advance notice of proposed rulemaking, MTB is extending the comment period by 90 days. This period should allow member companies of the Aluminum Recycling Association ample time in which they may assemble technical and historical information on molten aluminum transported in commerce as background for their comments on this presently unregulated material and its relationship to this Docket.

(49 U.S.C. 1803, 1804, 1808; 49 CFR 1.53, App. A to Part 1 and paragraph (a)(4) of App. A to Part 106)

Note.—The Materials Transportation Bureau has determined that this document will not result in a "major rule" under terms of Executive Order 12291 and DOT implementing procedures (44 FR 11034) nor require an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (49 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)

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Federal Highway Administration**49 CFR Part 395**

[BMCS Docket No. MC-70-1; Notice No. 81-5]

**Limits on Hours of Service of
Commercial Vehicle Drivers;
Termination of Rulemaking**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Termination of rulemaking and docket closing notice.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has been considering options for revisions to the regulations which limit the hours of service of commercial vehicle drivers engaged in interstate or foreign commerce. Following a review of the responses to the two advance notices previously published, the testimony received at the public hearings, and a number of studies prepared as part of this rulemaking action, the FHWA has determined that none of the proposed options should be adopted at this time. The FHWA's decision is based on the absence of evidence of a direct relationship between hours of service and a significant reduction in accidents and on the economic impact of the proposed options on motor carrier operations and the Nation's distribution system.

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Mr. Gerald J. Davis, Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety, (202) 426-9767; or Mr. Gerald M. Tierney, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 426-0346; Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Present Regulations**

The current hours of service regulations stipulate that no motor carrier shall permit or require any driver to (1) drive more than 10 hours following 8 consecutive hours off duty, (2) drive for any period after having been on duty 15 hours following 8 consecutive hours off duty, and (3) be on duty more than 60 hours in any 7 consecutive days, except if a carrier operates every day of the week, in which case the limit is 70 hours in any 8 consecutive days. Drivers using sleeper-berth equipment may accumulate the 8 hours off duty in two periods, neither of which can be less than 2 hours. On duty time is defined as, "All time from the time a driver begins to work or is required to be in readiness to work until the time he is relieved from