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[49 CFR Parts 170 through 185]

[Docket No. HM-126]

HAZARD INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Postponement of Date for Filing Comments

By petition dated August 19, 1975, the Hazardous Materials Advisory Committee (HMAC), an independent organization under the aegis of the Transportation Association of America, has requested an extension from November 5, 1975 to January 5, 1976 of the comment period on various hazard information systems.

On June 25, 1975, the Hazardous Materials Regulations Board (the Board) published a notice (40 FR 26688) under Docket No. HM-126 soliciting comments concerning the merits of various hazard information systems. The petitioner points out that development and preparation of comments in response to the notice is a herculean task and in all fairness impossible to accomplish within the time frame indicated in the Docket. Also, petitioner states that an extension of time for study and comment now will lead to a sounder set of regulations.

In consideration of the petitioner's request, a portion of which is discussed above, the comment period is extended from November 5, 1975 to February 5, 1976 for the submission of views and recommendations on hazard information systems under Docket No. HM-126 as published (40 FR 26688) on June 25, 1975.

Interested persons are reminded of two statements made by the Board in the June 25, 1975 issue of the FEDERAL REGISTER. One was, "All other proposals made under Notice 73-10, including revisions to the placarding requirements, are still under active consideration by the Board" (Docket HM-103; 40 FR 26687) and the other, "It is the Board's position that any alpha/numeric/symbolic hazard information system adopted in the future be compatible with and adaptable to the placards it adopts under Docket HM-103" (Docket HM-126; 40 FR 26688). This reiteration is provided in case there is some confusion relative to the various systems described in the Notice under Docket HM-126, and the fact that it was not the Board's intent to delay further the adoption of uniform placarding requirements.

(18 U.S.C. 831-836; sec. 6 of Pub. L. 89-670, 80 Stat. 937 (49 U.S.C. 1655); Title VI and sec. 902(h) of Pub. L. 85-726 (49 U.S.C. 1421-1431, 1472(h))

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