



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATIONS BOARD
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[Docket No. HM-57, Amdts. 171-14, 172-14,
173-61, 174-14, 175-7, 177-21]

**PART 171—GENERAL INFORMATION
AND REGULATIONS**

**PART 172—COMMODITY LIST OF
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CON-
TAINING THE SHIPPING NAME OR
DESCRIPTION OF ALL ARTICLES
SUBJECT TO PARTS 170-189 OF
THIS CHAPTER**

PART 173—SHIPPERS

**PART 174—CARRIERS BY RAIL
FREIGHT**

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**PART 177—SHIPMENTS MADE BY
WAY OF COMMON, CONTRACT,
OR PRIVATE CARRIERS BY PUBLIC
HIGHWAY**

**Classification of Corrosive Hazards;
Postponement of Mandatory Effec-
tive Date**

On March 23, 1972, and on April 26, 1972, the Hazardous Materials Regulations Board published Docket No. HM-57; Amendments Nos. 171-14, 172-14, 173-61, 174-14, 175-7, 177-21 (37 F.R. 5946 and 8383) prescribing new regulations for the classification, packaging, marking, labeling, and transportation of corrosive materials. Compliance with these amendments has been authorized as of April 21, 1972. However, the mandatory effective date was specified as December 31, 1972.

The Hazardous Materials Regulations Board has received several petitions concerning difficulties with completing testing of materials now being shipped, in

time to meet the mandatory effective date. Also several petitioners have requested the Board to consider authorizing additional packaging, particularly for materials shipped in bulk quantities. The Board considers that the petitions have merit. They contain justification to postpone the effective date in this docket and to further study the required packaging. In view of these petitions, the Board hereby gives notice that the mandatory effective date for Amendments Nos. 171-14, 172-14, 173-61, 174-14, 175-7, 177-21 is changed from December 31, 1972, to June 30, 1973. However, voluntary compliance continues to be authorized.

In addition, the Board intends to publish at a later date additional regulations pertaining to authorized packaging of corrosive materials, particularly liquids.

Several petitions for reconsideration were received listing many chemicals heretofore not covered by the Hazardous Materials Regulations. However, the petitioners failed to indicate by which test each material met the corrosive materials definition. The Board is requesting that supplemental information be furnished by the petitioners to permit the Board to evaluate separately those corrosive substances that are corrosive only by the steel or aluminum test criteria, or both. The Board requests that this information be submitted before November 30, 1972.

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