

SUBJECT 21

Re: Furniture Group — Note, Item 79022

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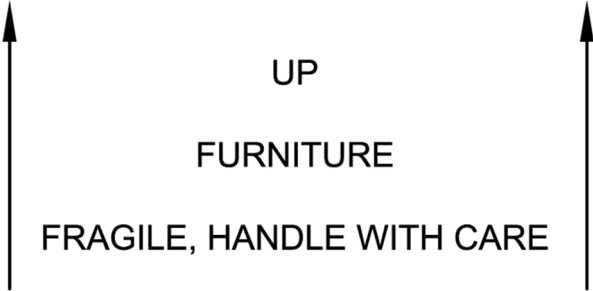
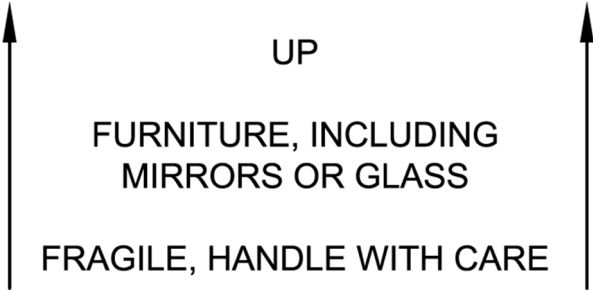
Proponent: Freight Classification Development Council

Present Classification Provisions

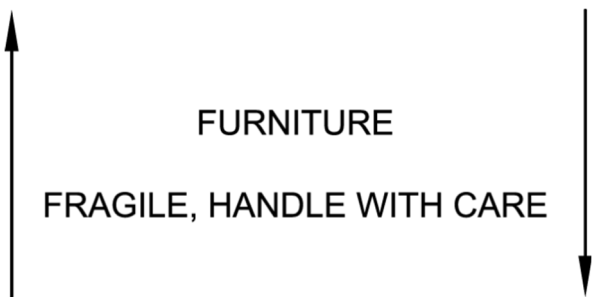
Item	Description	Class
39245	<p>CABINETS, OR PARTS NAMED: subject to item 39200</p> <p>Cabinets, radio, phonograph, tape player or recorder, television, amplifier or loudspeaker, NOI, separate or combined, without mechanism or electrical apparatus, see Note, item 39247:</p>	
Subs 1-4	Not Involved.	
39247	NOTE—The terms of (c) and (d) of Note, item 79022, need not be complied with.	
79000	<p>FURNITURE GROUP: Articles consist of Furniture, see Notes, items 79022, 79023, 79024, 79026, 79030, 79031 and 79032, as described in items subject to this grouping.</p>	
79022	<p>NOTE—</p> <p>(a) Any article of furniture may be packed in: wooden boxes; wood-framed fiberboard boxes; or boxes constructed of fiberboard, testing not less than 200 pounds, which entirely cover the article and which have solid-fiber angleboard of 1/4-inch thickness measuring 2 1/2 inches by 2 1/2 inches outfitting all vertical and horizontal edges and held in place by banding. All finished surfaces or upholstered parts must first be protected against damage by adequate padding material. Shipping orders and bills of lading must describe package as wood box, wood-framed fiberboard box or reinforced fiberboard box.</p> <p>The class applicable will be the lowest provided in the specific item for the article of furniture in the form in which shipped.</p> <p>(b) Where bursting tests or edge crush tests are specified for containers, wrappers or interior packing, fiberboard must comply with the board requirements for the tests specified. Within Item 222, united inch and gross weight requirements apply only to Package 25F. Where united inches are specified, it means outside length, width and depth added; where basis weight is referred to, weights are per ream of 500 sheets 24 x 36 inches.</p> <p>(c) All furniture packages of the 'F' or 'S' designation, constructed of corrugated fiberboard or wood or a combination thereof, must be conspicuously marked on at least one panel as follows:</p>	

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	 <p style="text-align: center;">UP FURNITURE FRAGILE, HANDLE WITH CARE</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">UP FURNITURE, INCLUDING MIRRORS OR GLASS FRAGILE, HANDLE WITH CARE</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>	

Articles of furniture packed in form-fitting, L-shaped containers, which may be shipped inverted upon each other without damage, may be marked to indicate loading in either vertical direction:



(d) All furniture packages of the 'F' or 'S' designation, constructed of corrugated fiberboard or in part as the outside shipping container must conspicuously bear the certificate of box manufacturer showing name, city and state of manufacturer, package number and burst, puncture or edge crush test as shown within Item 222-1 (b) (2) and (3).

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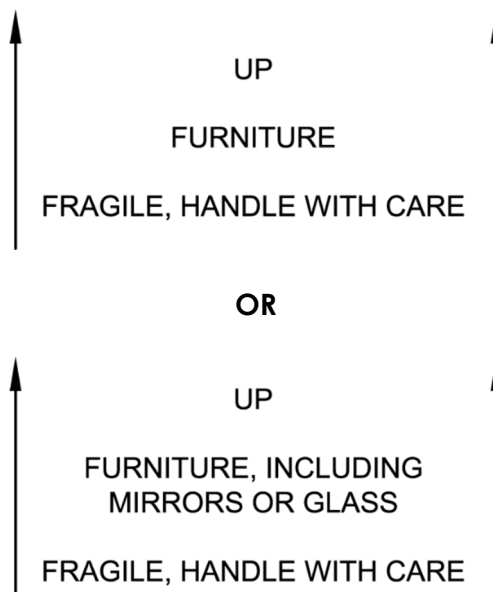
Present Classification Provisions — Concluded

Item	Description	Class
	(e) All numbered packages must also bear the package certificate, showing certifying company name, city and state, and package number, as shown in Item 299.	
	(f) Shipping orders and bills of lading must show package number of the package in which furniture is shipped. Where in the separate description of the article, specific package is not provided, but other form of shipping such as 'loose' or 'bundles' is provided such description must be shown.	
	(g) Unless otherwise provided, where in individual packages the specifications require a four-piece wood frame, whether or not diagonally braced, it must not be attached to the article. However, corrugated strips may be stapled to the inside of article structure with the other end of strip stapled to frame.	
	(h) Articles with sliding doors in operating position must have such doors securely anchored and blocked in place.	
79023	NOTE—Not Involved.	
79024	NOTE—Not Involved.	
79026	NOTE—Not Involved.	
79030	NOTE—Not Involved.	
79031	NOTE—Not Involved.	
79032	NOTE—Not Involved.	
82750	FURNITURE PARTS GROUP: see Note, item 82751	
82751	NOTE—Articles subject to this grouping which are susceptible to damage because of their construction or surface finish must, in addition to being packaged as required by the individual descriptions, have precautionary markings on such packages as required by Note, item 79022, paragraph (c).	
137400	Mirrors , NOI, see Notes, items 79022, 137452 and 137456:	
137420	Bent, in boxes:	
Subs 1-2	Not Involved.	
137440	Not bent, in boxes:	
Subs 1-3	Not Involved.	
137452	NOTE—Not Involved.	
137456	NOTE—Not Involved.	

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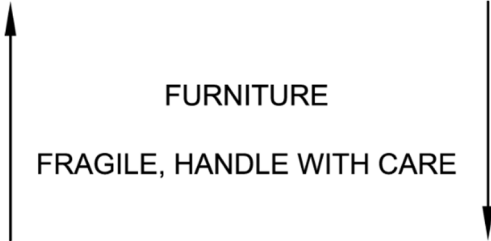
Proposed Classification Provisions

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Subs 1-4	No Change.	
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79022	<p>NOTE—</p> <p>(a) Furniture may be packed in wood boxes as specified in Item 221. All finished or upholstered surfaces must be protected against damage by adequate interior packaging materials. Bills of lading must describe package as 'wood box.' The class applicable will be the lowest provided in the specific item for the article of furniture in the form in which shipped.</p> <p>(b) Where bursting tests or edge crush tests are specified for containers, wrappers or interior packaging, fiberboard must comply with the requirements set forth in Item 222. United inch and gross weight requirements specified in Item 222 apply only to Package 25F.</p> <p>(c) All 'F' or 'S' packages constructed of corrugated fiberboard, wood or a combination thereof must be conspicuously marked on at least one panel as follows:</p>	



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	<p>(d) ⇒ Furniture in form-fitting, L-shaped containers that may be shipped inverted upon each other without damage must be conspicuously marked to indicate loading in either vertical direction, as follows:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	
	<p>(e) ⇒ All 'F' or 'S' packages specifying a corrugated fiberboard outer shipping container must conspicuously bear the certificate of box manufacturer as shown in Item 222-1(a)(2) and (3).</p> <p>(f) ⇒ All numbered packages must also bear the package certificate, as shown in Item 299.</p> <p>(g) ⇒ Bills of lading must show package number of the package in which furniture is shipped.</p> <p>(h) ⇒ Articles with sliding doors in operating position must have such doors secured in place.</p>	
79023	NOTE—No Change.	
79024	NOTE—No Change.	
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SUBJECT 21**Analysis and Conclusion**

Note, item 79022, which is referenced in item 79000, the Furniture Group generic heading, is applicable to all articles named within the group. The Note is also referenced in the Furniture Parts Group as well as in the provisions for mirrors, NOI, and for certain cabinets, as shown in the Present Classification Provisions herein. Much of the terminology in the Note is out-of-date.

FCDC policies call for replacing outdated terminology with current terminology and for promoting clarification and simplification. Therefore, this proposal would update the language in Note, item 79022, as well as Notes, items 39247 and 82751.