

**SUBJECT 29**

**Re:** Trusses, medical or surgical

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**Proponent:** Freight Classification Development Council

**Present Classification Provisions**

Item	Description	Class
	<b>DENTAL, HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL SUPPLY GROUP:</b> subject to item 56400	
56828	<b>Medical Supplies, viz.:</b> <b>Bandages or Dressings</b> , NOI; <b>Blankets</b> , emergency first aid for burn victims; <b>Braces or Supports</b> , ankle, knee, joint or leg; <b>Collars</b> , cervical; <b>Compresses</b> , hot or cold, NOI; <b>Pads</b> , lap; <b>Splints</b> , NOI; <b>Sponges</b> , dental, medical or surgical, NOI; In boxes, subject to Item 170 and having a density in pounds per cubic foot of:	
Sub 1	Less than 1 .....	400
Sub 2	1 but less than 2.....	300
Sub 3	2 but less than 4.....	250
Sub 4	4 but less than 6.....	175
Sub 5	6 but less than 8.....	125
Sub 6	8 but less than 10.....	100
Sub 7	10 but less than 12.....	92.5
Sub 8	12 but less than 15.....	85
Sub 9	15 but less than 22.5.....	70
Sub 10	22.5 but less than 30.....	65
Sub 11	30 or greater.....	60
57000	<b>Trusses</b> , surgical, in boxes.....	150

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**Proposed Classification Provisions**

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57000	<b>Trusses</b> , surgical, etc.....	⇒Cancel; see item 56828

**Analysis and Conclusion**

A review of the FCDC's Density Study<sup>1</sup> reveals little movement under item 57000. Research indicates that these products are still manufactured and that they may also be referred to as hernia belts. As such, this proposal would cancel item 57000 with reference to item 56828, and the "viz." listing in item 56828 would be amended to name "Trusses, medical or surgical, or Hernia Belts" in the interest of clarification and simplification.

<sup>1</sup> The Density Study is part of an ongoing effort by the FCDC to collect information on actual shipments across all product categories handled by the LTL industry. Carriers that choose to participate in the Study periodically submit shipment data captured through their respective freight auditing programs. The FCDC uses verifiable data points, identified by NMFC item, that include the weight and the dimensions and/or cube of the shipping unit.