

SUBJECT 35

Re: Miscellaneous Packaging Provisions

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Proponent: Freight Classification Development Council

Present Classification Provisions

Item	Description	Class
	AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT PARTS GROUP: subject to item 10540	
11080	Housings, Shrouds or Hoods, 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
177670	Sprayers, hand held or hand operated; or Foggers, hand held or hand operated; with or without motors, see Notes, items 177674 and 177684, 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
177674	NOTE—Not Involved.	

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Item	Description	Class
177680	Sprayers , NOI, see Note, item 177682; Steam or Water Cleaning Outfits , separate or combined; or Snowmaking Machines ; wheeled; trailer mounted; with integral skid bases; or for trailer, vehicle, aircraft or wheel mounting; with or without engines:	
Sub 1	In boxes or crates; subject to Item 170 and having a density in pounds per cubic foot of:	
Sub 2	Less than 8.....	150
Sub 3	8 or greater	92.5
Sub 4	Other than in boxes or crates, see Note, item 177684; subject to Item 170 and having a density in pounds per cubic foot of:	
Sub 5	Less than 8.....	250
Sub 6	8 or greater	110
177682	NOTE—Not Involved.	
177684	NOTE—Small detachable parts must be in boxes, crates or drums, or in sprayer barrel or tank.	

Proposed Classification Provisions

Item	Description	Class
	AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT PARTS GROUP: subject to item 10540	
11080	Housings, Shrouds or Hoods , ⇨in packages, 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

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Item	Description	Class
177670	Sprayers , handheld or hand operated; or Foggers , handheld or hand operated; with or without motors, see ⇨Note, item 177674, ⇨in packages, ⇨see Note, item 177684, 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
177674	NOTE—No Change.	
177680	Sprayers , NOI, see Note, item 177682; Steam or Water Cleaning Outfits , separate or combined; or Snowmaking Machines ; wheeled; trailer mounted; with integral skid bases; or for trailer, vehicle, aircraft or wheel mounting; with or without engines:	
Sub 1	In boxes or crates, subject to Item 170 and having a density in pounds per cubic foot of:	
Sub 2	Less than 8.....	150
Sub 3	8 or greater.....	92.5
Sub 4	⇨In packages other than boxes or crates, see Note, item 177684, subject to Item 170 and having a density in pounds per cubic foot of:	
Sub 5	Less than 8.....	250
Sub 6	8 or greater.....	110
177682	NOTE—No Change.	
177684	NOTE—Small detachable parts must be ⇨in boxes or in sprayer barrel or tank.	

Analysis and Conclusion

FCDC packaging policies state the FCDC is to maintain packaging rules and specifications as necessary to ensure that freight is adequately protected and can be handled and stowed in a manner that is reasonably safe and practicable so as to withstand the normal rigors of the less-than-truckload environment.

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Items 11080 and 177670 do not specify any minimum packaging requirements¹, while sub 4 of item 177680 provides for “other than in boxes or crates,” which allows shipments to move loose². Freight tendered loose is typically more difficult to handle and stow, and is more susceptible to damage.

Therefore, this proposal would add “in packages” as a minimum requirement to items 11080, 177670 and sub 4 of item 177680. Furthermore, Note, item 177684 would be amended to remove the references to “crates or drums” for the packaging of small detachable parts.

¹ Item (Rule) 680, Sec. 1(b) states, “...if no packing or form of acceptance is mentioned, the classes will also apply on the same articles when loose or in packages. See also Secs. 5(a) and (b).”

² Item (Rule) 680, Sec. 5(b) states, “The term 'loose' is defined as freight that is not packaged, not unitized, not on skids and not securely fastened to lift truck skids, pallets or platforms...”