

SUBJECT 38

Re: Beans, castor — Item 23020

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Proponent: Freight Classification Development Council

Present Classification Provisions

Item	Description	Class
23020	Beans, castor, in bags, boxes or drums	70
	CHEMICALS GROUP: subject to item 42600	
45322	⊗ Miscellaneous Hazardous Materials, NOI, including Environmentally Hazardous Substances, NOI, or Other Regulated Substances, NOI, see Notes, items 45323 and 45324, in U.S. DOT-authorized packaging, subject to Item 170 and having a density in pounds per cubic foot of:	
Sub 1	Less than 20	100
Sub 2	20 but less than 30	70
Sub 3	30 or greater	60
45323	NOTE—Not Involved.	
45324	NOTE—Not Involved.	

Proposed Classification Provisions

Item	Description	Class
23020	Beans, castor, etc	⇒Cancel; see item 45322
	CHEMICALS GROUP: subject to item 42600	
45322	⊗ Miscellaneous Hazardous Materials, NOI, including Environmentally Hazardous Substances, NOI, or Other Regulated Substances, NOI, see Notes, items 45323 and 45324, in U.S. DOT-authorized packaging, subject to Item 170 and having a density in pounds per cubic foot of:	
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Sub 3	30 or greater	60
45323	NOTE—No Change.	
45324	NOTE—No Change.	

SUBJECT 38**Analysis and Conclusion**

When the general provisions for materials regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) as Miscellaneous Hazardous Materials, per item 45322, were established, specific provisions identified as applying on these hazardous materials were canceled with reference to the general item. The FCDC recently identified that castor beans, as embraced by item 23020, are regulated as Miscellaneous Hazardous Materials in Hazard Class 9.

This proposal would cancel item 23020 with reference to item 45322. In addition to providing clarification, simplification and uniformity, this change would assign classes reflective of the respective hazards of, and regulations applicable to, castor beans.