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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB DOCKET NO. ISM 35003

INCREASE IN CLASSIFICATION RATING ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
(National Motor Freight Classification)

Decided: December 23, 1997

Effective December 27, 1997, the National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc. (NMFTA), Agent, in Supplement 3 to its tariff STB NMF 100-X, (National Motor Freight Classification), proposes to increase from class 55 to class 85 the classification rating on a list of petroleum products which are designated as combustible or flammable in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations.¹ Protests requesting suspension and investigation of the the proposal were filed by The National Industrial Transportation League (NITL), and jointly by National Small Shipments Traffic Conference, Inc., Health and Personal Care Distribution Conference, Inc. (NASSTRAC) and NCH Corporation. NMFTA replied to the protests.

After giving careful consideration to the issues raised in the protests and reply, the Surface Transportation Board does not find that the proposal should be suspended or investigated. The proposal will, therefore, be permitted to become effective on December 27, 1997, as proposed, without formal investigation.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ The effective date was postponed from December 20, 1997, to December 27, 1997 by Supplement 4.