



FEBRUARY 2011 *e-Newsletter*

National Motor Freight Classification

Current Research Projects

We welcome any information you can provide on the [current CCSB Research Projects](#) listed below:

Project Name	No.	Date Assigned	Staff	Status
Air Bag Inflators, Modules or Systems, or Seatbelt Pretensioners, automobile crash protection	1104	August, 2009	Erin Topper	Active
Assemblies, chimney or smoke flue	1109	October, 2009	Bill Mascaro	Active
Automobile Body Parts, Parts or Trim – Item 18260	1118	October, 2010	Bill Mascaro	Active
Chairs or Stools, including Folding or Revolving Chairs or Stools - Various Items	1103	July, 2009	Bill Mascaro	Active
Cloths or Rags, cleaning, dusting, polishing or wiping	1106	September, 2009	George Beck	Docketed
Costumes, masquerade or theatrical	1088	September, 2008	Bill Mascaro	Active
Desks	1117	May, 2010	Erin Topper	Active
Electrical Appliances or Instruments, NOI	1113	April, 2010	Bill Mascaro	Docketed
Fiber Optic Cable	1120	November, 2010	Erin Topper	Active
Fire Extinguishers, charged	1093	February, 2009	Erin Topper	Active
Flammable Solids	1121	November, 2010	Erin Topper	Active
Heat Pumps, swimming pool	1102	June, 2009	George Beck	Canceled
Item (Rule) 265, Definition of Elevating or Lift Truck Skids, Pallets or Platforms	1116	April, 2010	Erin Topper	Active
Item (Rule) 640	966	February, 2004	Bill Mascaro	Active
Machines, Systems or Devices, data processing, or Components or Parts thereof – Item 116030	1114	April, 2010	Don Newell	Active
Mixes, chocolate or cocoa beverage, including Hot Chocolate or Hot Cocoa Mixes	1115	April, 2010	George Beck	Active
Pipe or Tubing, or Pipe or Tubing Fittings, iron or steel	1071	October, 2007	Erin Topper	Docketed
Products Requiring Protection or Isolation from Odor-Emitting Freight, Debris or Infestation	1100	May, 2009	Erin Topper	Active
Sinks or Lavatories	1119	November, 2010	Bill Mascaro	Active

Stone Blocks, Pieces or Slabs, on A-frame shipping racks	1122	November, 2010	Erin Topper	Active
String Lights or Rope Lights, including Christmas or Holiday Lights	1123	December, 2010	Bill Mascaro	Active
Tanks, expansion, iron or steel	1090	October, 2008	Bill Mascaro	Active
Theatre (Theater) Chairs – Item 80700	1111	December, 2009	Don Newell	Active
Tires	1101	June, 2009	Bill Mascaro	Docketed
Washers (Washing Machines) or Washer-extractors, laundry, other than household	1110	November, 2009	Don Newell	Active
Water Heaters – Item 26520	1108	October, 2009	Bill Mascaro	Active

Learn How to Use the NMFC

The [FREIGHT CLASSIFICATION webinar series](#) brought to you by the National Motor Freight Traffic Association, the publishers of the *NMFC*, consists of four modules. The 2011 Freight Classification webinar schedule is now available. As space is limited, register now.

Module 1 - Basics

Module 2 - Rules, Bills of Lading, and Packaging

Module 3 - Introduction to Interpretations

Module 4 - Advanced Interpretations and Recap

Useful Links

[Recent Classification Actions](#)

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[Public Docket Files](#)

[Standard Carrier Alpha Codes](#)

The [2011 SCAC Directory](#) was issued in February 2011. The *new* Directory of Standard Carrier Alpha Codes (SCAC) provides a listing of more than 74,000 transportation-providing firms and their unique Standard Carrier Alpha Codes. Also included are separate lists of special alpha codes specifically designed to identify privately owned railroad cars, freight containers, and intermodal chassis and trailers. SCAC is a unique two-to-four letter code assigned to transportation companies for identification purposes. It is required for EDI, intermodal interchange agreements, U.S. Customs entry, when doing business with many shippers, on rate tariffs filed with regulatory agencies, government bills of lading, and on bids for government traffic. Supplements are issued quarterly and the directory is reissued annually.

[GENERAL ASSOCIATION News](#)

Contracts Seminar Presented by NMFTA General Counsel - *John R. Bagileo*

Counsel John Bagileo provided the 4th installment in the series of Transportation Contract Seminars entitled “*Key Components of Broker/Carrier Contracts*” at the NMFTA meeting on Monday, January 24, 2011. This one-hour presentation discussed 12 provisions found in many Broker/Carrier Contracts in various forms that can adversely affect carrier rights, obligations and legal liabilities. This session explored alternative provisions, documentation, specified waivers, etc., addressing these 12 key elements that can provide added protection to the carrier against unforeseen legal and practical consequences. The next Contracts Seminar is scheduled for [May 2011 during the NMFTA | CRC | CCSB meetings](#).