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**NMFTA/CCSB/CRC MEETING IN FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA - GREAT SUCCESS!**

Alexandria, VA - The National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc. (NMFTA) held its February Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida from Sunday, February 3rd to Wednesday, February 6th. This was the first meeting of the NMFTA since the implementation of the new organizational structure and procedures that went into effect December 6, 2007. The new procedures allow for the continued development and maintenance of the National Motor Freight Classification (NMFC) without the need for antitrust immunity while facilitating continued input from carriers, shippers and third parties.

In attendance at both the Open Meeting of the Commodity Classification Standards Board (CCSB) and the Open Meeting of the Classification Resource Committee (CRC) was antitrust counsel Charles E. Buffon, a partner at the nationally recognized law firm of Covington and Burling and Chair of the firm's Antitrust and International Trade Umbrella Group, to ensure that meeting procedures and processes were in compliance with antitrust regulations and requirements.

"This was a very successful meeting in all accounts," stated Larry Kerr, NMFTA's Chairman and President & CEO of Shippers Express, Inc., Jackson, MS. "The meetings were well attended and represented by carriers, shippers and third parties. It was also the first meetings of the CCSB and CRC established in full compliance of antitrust regulations to ensure that the Classification continues to be meaningful and relevant."

The CCSB discussed 19 classification proposals of which shipper appearances were present at 4 proposals being considered. Dispositions are published and available for viewing on NMFTA's website. Please contact Matthew Welsh, CCSB Classification Coordinator, should you have further questions.

Additionally a number of committee and subcommittee meetings took place during the course of the 3 days allowing for more in-depth discussions to include the Weighing and Research Committee, Interline Procedures Committee, Government Relations Committee, Outreach Subcommittee, and Packaging Subcommittee. Guest speaker at the NMFTA's open session was Rocky Bleier, NFL Running Back, Vietnam Veteran

and Author who gave a well-received motivational presentation. Also, John R. Bagileo, NMFTA General Counsel, provided members with legislative and regulatory updates affecting the transportation industry.

The next meeting of the NMFTA/CCSB/CRC will take place June 1 – 3, 2008 at the Old Town Crowne Plaza Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia.

#### About NMFTA

Founded in 1956, NMFTA is a nonprofit membership organization headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia. Its membership is comprised of motor carriers operating in interstate, intrastate and foreign commerce.

NMFTA's mission is to serve as a research and development organization providing the transportation industry with the necessary information to advance and improve their interests and welfare. NMFTA is committed to helping the industry meet the transportation challenges through research, education, and publication of specifications, rules, transportation codes and the preparation and dissemination of studies, reports and analyses.

On behalf of participating member motor carriers, NMFTA's autonomous CCSB maintains the NMFC. NMFTA also assigns and publishes the Standard Carrier Alpha Codes (SCAC), a unique two-to-four-letter code used to identify transportation companies worldwide, and the Standard Point Location Codes (SPLC), a nine-digit numeric code designed to provide each point originating freight and each point receiving freight in North America with a unique number so constructed as to identify the point with its geographic location.

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