

Figure 2—[Part I]—DOT QUALITY GRADES

TREADWEAR

TRACTION AA A B C

TEMPERATURE A B C

(Part II) All Passenger Car Tires Must Conform to Federal Safety Requirements In Addition To These Grades

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TRACTION

The traction grades, from highest to lowest, are AA, A, B, and C. Those grades represent the tire's ability to stop on wet pavement as measured under controlled conditions on specified government test surfaces of asphalt and concrete. A tire marked C may have poor traction performance. Warning: The traction grade assigned to this tire is based on straight-ahead braking traction tests, and does not include acceleration, cornering, hydroplaning, or peak traction characteristics.

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Ricardo Martinez, Administrator.

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Surface Transportation Board

49 CFR Part 1039

[Ex Parte No. 346 (Sub-No. 35)]

Rail General Exemption Authority—Exemption of Ferrous Recyclables

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to its authority under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Surface Transportation Board is exempting from regulation the transportation by rail of blast furnace, open hearth, rolling mill or coke oven products, NEC (STCC Commodity Group No. 33-119). This commodity group is added to the list of exempt commodities, as set forth below, and is intended to eliminate unnecessary regulation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 9, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.] **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Since the Interstate Commerce Commission's¹

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (ICCTA), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This decision relates to a proceeding that was pending with the ICC prior to January 1, 1996, and to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10701 *et seq.* Citations are to the current sections of the statute.

decision of May 16, 1995 (60 FR 26839, May 19, 1995), in this proceeding, which refrained from exempting commodities in STCC Commodity Group No. 33-119 because it included certain recyclable materials deemed to be nonferrous, Congress has passed the ICCTA. The ICCTA repealed the special statutory protections for transportation of nonferrous recyclable commodities.

As a consequence, because regulation of the rail transportation of commodities in STCC Commodity Group No. 33-119 is not necessary, rather than distinguishing between ferrous and nonferrous commodities within the commodity group, we will exempt the entire five-digit commodity group.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Board certifies that this exemption will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. This exemption will reduce regulation; it imposes no new reporting or other requirements directly or indirectly on small entities.

Environment and Energy

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 1039

Intramodal transportation, Manufactured commodities, Railroads.

Decided: August 27, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, title 49, chapter X, part 1039 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 1039—EXEMPTIONS

1. The authority citation for part 1039 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 553; 49 U.S.C. 10502 and 13301.

2. Section 1039.11, paragraph (a), is amended by adding the following new entry to the end of table:

§ 1039.11 Miscellaneous commodities exemptions.

(a) * * *

STCC No.	STCC tariff	Commodity
33 119	6001-X, eff. 1-11-96	Blast furnace, open hearth, rolling mill or coke oven products, NEC.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 960409106-6207-02; I.D. 031196A]

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 1

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this final rule to implement Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (FMP). This rule prohibits trawling for rock shrimp in an area off the Florida east coast; requires permits for dealers and vessels in the rock shrimp fishery off the southern Atlantic states; requires dealers to report information needed to monitor the fishery; and requires that the initial sale, trade, barter, or transfer of rock shrimp harvested from the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off the southern Atlantic states occur only between permitted dealers and permitted vessels. In addition, NMFS informs the public of the approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the collection-of-information requirements contained in this rule. The intended effect is to protect critical habitat and conserve and manage the rock shrimp fishery.

EFFECTIVE DATES: October 9, 1996; except that the amendments to §§ 622.4, 622.5, and 622.45 are effective November 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the final regulatory flexibility analysis (FRFA) should be sent to Peter J. Eldridge, Southeast Regional Office,