
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
**Research and Special Programs
Administration**
**49 CFR Parts 107, 171, 172, 173, 175
and 178**

[Docket HM-184A, Amdt. Nos. 107-12, 171-77, 172-87, 173-170, 175-30, 178-78]

**Implementation of the ICAO Technical
Instructions; Correction and Data
Change**

AGENCY: Materials Transportation Bureau (MTB), Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Correction to final rule; change in compliance date.

SUMMARY: This document corrects an omission in a final rule concerning implementation of the international Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Technical Instructions published in the *Federal Register* on November 29, 1983, under Docket No. HM-184A (48 FR 53710) and changes the compliance date of that final rule in order to permit immediate compliance with the final rule.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 7, 1983.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document corrects the inadvertent omission of a word in the final rule published in the *Federal Register* on November 29, 1983, under Docket No. HM-184A. In addition, this document changes the compliance date of that final rule in order to permit immediate compliance with the final rule.

The final rule published under HM-184A amended a number of provisions in the Hazardous Materials Regulations in order to take account of changes made to applicable international regulations through the implementation of the 1984 edition of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Technical Instructions). Although ICAO has established January 1, 1984, as the effective date for the 1984 edition of the Technical Instructions, the MTB believes that some flexibility in this effective date is necessary in order to accommodate shipments that will be in transit at the time that 1984 edition of the Technical Instructions becomes

effective. Therefore, the MTB is permitting immediate compliance with the final rule published under HM-184A. However, shippers and carriers of hazardous materials by air are again cautioned that the 1984 edition of the ICAO Technical Instructions does not gain official international recognition until January 1, 1984.

In consideration of the foregoing, *Federal Register* document 83-31764, published on November 29, 1983, under Docket HM-184A is hereby amended as follows:

1. The **EFFECTIVE DATE** is revised to read "January 1, 1984; however, compliance is permitted on and after December 7, 1983."
2. In the revised text of § 172.512(b), the word "this" is inserted immediately following the words "by paragraph (a) of."

(49 U.S.C. 1803, 1804, 1808; 49 CFR 1.53 App. A. to Part 1)

Note.—The Materials Transportation Bureau has determined that this document does not constitute a "major rule" under the terms of Executive Order 12291 or a significant regulation under DOT's regulatory policy and procedures (44 FR 11034) or require an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (49 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.). I certify that this document will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because the overall economic impact of this document is minimal. A regulatory evaluation and environmental assessment are available for review in the docket.

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