

which are designed for and capable of repeated use in transportation and are used in substantial numbers in international traffic. The trays are a flat base with sections raised to conform to the design of the brake so the brake fits securely on it, preventing its lateral movement during shipment. The elevated area is in the form of a mold.

Under the authority of section 10.41a(a)(1), Customs Regulations, (19 CFR 10.41a(a)(1)), I hereby designate the above-described trays as "instruments of international traffic" within the meaning of section 322(a), Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1322(a)). These trays may be released under the procedures provided for in section 10.41a.

J. P. TEBEAU,
Director, Carriers,
Drawback and Bonds Division.

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Office of the Secretary

[Treasury Department Order No. 150-88]

COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE

Issuance of Immunity Orders; Delegation of Authority

NOVEMBER 29, 1977.

Subject: Treasury Department Order delegating the authority for the issuance of immunity orders pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 6002 and 6004 in proceedings arising under the laws administered by the Internal Revenue Service.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Secretary of the Treasury including the authority in Reorganization Plan No. 26 of 1950, there is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue the function under Title II of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970 (18 U.S.C. § 6001, et seq.; 84 Stat. 926), with the approval of the Attorney General, to make determinations and to issue the orders to compel the testimony under a grant of immunity of any individual who has been or may be called to testify or provide information at any proceeding before the Internal Revenue Service which such individual refuses to give or provide on the basis of his privilege against self-incrimination.

The authority herein delegated to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue may be redelegated by him to the Deputy Commissioner, the Assistant Commissioner (Compliance) and the Assistant Commissioner (Inspection).

Dated: November 29, 1977.

W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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[Public Debt Series, No. 29-77]

ONE-QUARTER PERCENT TREASURY NOTES OF SERIES L-1981

Interest Rate

DECEMBER 1, 1977.

The Secretary of the Treasury announced on November 30, 1977, that the interest rate on the notes described in Department Circular, Public Debt Series, No. 29-77, dated November 22, 1977, will be 7¼ percent per annum. Accordingly, the notes are hereby redesignated 7¼ percent Treasury Notes of Series L-1981. Interest on the notes will be payable at the rate of 7¼ percent per annum.

PAUL H. TAYLOR,
Acting Fiscal
Assistant Secretary.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE
COMMISSION

[Ex Parte No. 343]

NATIONWIDE INCREASED FREIGHT RATES AND CHARGES—1977

In an order served November 10, 1977, the Commission found that without the proposed 5 percent increase in rates and charges, sufficient funds would not be available to the railroads to defray the cost escalations shown of record. It was also found that the proposed increase was necessary to prevent a further decline in the railroads' overall financial condition. The Commission therefore declined, subject to conditions,¹ to suspend X-343, as supplemented.

As indicated in the prior order, however, the Commission instituted an investigation into the lawfulness of the rates, charges, and regulations, as set forth in the Tariff of Increased Rates and Charges X-343, as supplemented, of the commodities listed below. These commodities have been selected on the basis of the record in this proceeding and our analysis of the 1975 waybill sample which indicated that, in each case, over half of the revenue earned by the commodity is associated with movements which returned revenue in excess of 180 percent of variable cost. That analysis is attached to this order as an appendix. The selected commodities are as follows:

¹ Conditions imposed were as follows: That the increase on feed grains from Midwest origins to New England points shall be no greater than 3 percent. That there shall be no increase on wood chip rates in Item 165 and 180-series, MP Tariff 86-G, I.C.C. 629, on interstate traffic.

	SPC No.
1. Newsprint paper	57
2. Sodium alkalies	69
3. Industrial gases	71
4. Sulphuric acid	73
5. Rubber, natural or synthetic	78
6. Manufactured iron or steel	100
7. Recyclables	NA

Based on the above-described analysis of the waybill sample, several other commodities also fell into the group in which over half the revenue earned is associated with movements which returned revenue in excess of 180 percent of variable cost. The Commission has decided not to investigate these commodities for the following reasons. In the case of wheat and barley, it was determined that an investigation did not appear warranted at this time, given the pendency of Ex Parte No. 270 (Sub-No. 9), Investigation of Railroad Freight Rate Structure—Grain and Grain Products. For other commodities in this group, the Commission determined that investigation was not warranted because no protests were filed in relation to these commodities and/or that some of the commodities were moved in relatively low volume.

For the convenience of the parties, the Standard Transportation Commodity Code (STCC) associated with the SPC numbers, for the commodities under investigation, as set forth in Ex Parte No. 290, Procedures Governing Rail General Increase Proc., 351 I.C.C. 544, 628-635, are as follows:

SPC	Commodity	STCC No.
57	Newsprint paper	26 211
69	Sodium alkalies	28 122
71	Industrial gases	28 128
		28 132
		28 133
		28 139
73	Sulphuric acid	28 193
78	Rubber, natural and synthetic	08 423 20
		08 423 25
		28 212
100	Manufactured iron or steel	33 122
		33 123
		33 124
		33 127
		33 151
		33 152
		33 155
		33 219 72
		33 566
		33 911 26
		34 411
		34 994 15
		34 994 21
		34 994 23
		34 994 25
		34 994 52
		34 994 54
		34 994 60
		34 994 74
		34 994 75

¹ The 4 or 5 digit STCC number referred to also embrace all articles assigned additional digits listed thereunder in STCC Tariff 1-E.

The following recyclable or recycled commodities will also be the subject of this investigation: