Subject 14

Re: Item (Rule) 225, Definition of Buckets or Pails, and Item (Rule) 291, Specifications for Fiber Drums for Dry or Solid Articles

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Proposed Classification Provisions

It is proposed to amend Item (Rule) 225, Definition of Buckets or Pails, and Item (Rule) 291, Specifications for Fiber Drums for Dry or Solid Articles, as follows:

ITEM 225

DEFINITION OF ☞PAILS

☞Pails are containers with heads or covers, with or without bails or handles (see Note), without bilge, and must be made of ☞plastic, metal or fiberboard. For detailed construction requirements of such containers, see Items 258, 260, 291 and 292. 

Note—A bail is a handle extending completely across the top of a container and attached to the sides.

ITEM 291

SPECIFICATIONS FOR FIBER DRUMS ☞OR PAILS FOR DRY OR SOLID ARTICLES

No Change.

Analysis

Item (Rule) 225 provides a definition for buckets and pails. A definition of buckets was adopted from the rails and first appeared in NMFC LTL-1, effective April 1, 1936. Since that time, the format of the rule has been amended and obsolete packaging terms have been removed. While buckets are not obsolete, “pails” is the more common term for this type of shipping container. The rule also allows for buckets or pails to be made of, or with, wood, which is no longer used in the manufacturing of these shipping containers. Furthermore, there are no articles within the NMFC that reference buckets as an authorized packaging method.

Although Item (Rule) 291, paragraph (b) provides specifications for fiber pails used for dry or solid articles, the word “pails” is currently omitted from the rule’s title.

Relationship to CCSB Policies and Guidelines

CCSB policies state obsolete packaging provisions should be removed from the Classification and rules should be kept up-to-date. Therefore, it would be in keeping with CCSB policies to remove the references to buckets and wood from Item (Rule) 225, while concurrently adding “or pails” to the title of Item (Rule) 291, as proposed.