

The National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc. (NMFTA) www.nmfta.org is pleased to announce the establishment of the Commodity Classification Standards Board (CCSB) for the purpose of developing and maintaining the National Motor Freight Classification (NMFC). The CCSB is an autonomous board comprised of full-time employees of the NMFTA, including a Chairman, appointed by the Executive Director of NMFTA, four Members appointed by the Executive Director in consultation with the Chairman, a Counsel, a Packaging Consultant, and a Classification Coordinator.

Board Members



Chairman: Joel L. Ringer has primary responsibility for the implementation of the new classification-making procedures. He is currently the Manager of Classification Development and oversees all classification activities. Joel began his career with NMFTA in June 1977, and he has held a number of positions of increasing responsibility, including Chief of the Interpretations Section, Chief of the Research Section and Senior Classification Specialist. He has managed the classification staff since February 2002. Prior to joining NMFTA, he worked in the traffic department of a major Washington, DC-area department store chain. Joel is a graduate of the University of Maryland where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Transportation. Contact Joel at **703.838.1826** or ringer@nmfta.org.



Member: George M. Beck is presently a Senior Classification Specialist. His focus is on classification interpretations and NMFC education seminars along with classification development. He has 36 years of experience in the NMFC through tariff compiling, research and analysis of transportation characteristic data, revision and development of bills of lading, participating in weighing and research activities, facilitating in carrier and shipper consultations, interpreting freight claims rules and has assisted in the development of classification education and training. Prior to joining NMFTA, he was employed with a major communications company in warehousing and shipping operations. Contact George at **703.838.1813** or beck@nmfta.org.



Member: Daniel E. Horning has over 30 years of experience in the motor carrier industry. Employed at NMFTA since August 1976, Dan is primarily involved in the development and support of related classification-making activities. He has served in various capacities of increasing responsibility, including Assistant to the National Classification Board, Chief of the National Classification Committee's Interpretations Section and Freight Classification Advisor. He has been a Senior Classification Specialist since 1995. Additionally, Dan has served as past Secretary of the National Motor Carrier Weighing and Research Association. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Logistics. Contact Dan at **703.838.1820** or horning@nmfta.org.



Member: William F. Mascaro has over 25 years of experience at NMFTA. Bill began his extensive career as a Research Analyst upon graduating from Towson State University with a degree in Political Science. He has served in a variety of capacities including Interpretations Specialist, Senior Research Analyst and Manager, Research Section. In his current role, as Senior Classification Specialist, Bill is well versed in all aspects of the Classification (NMFC) including commodity research, classification interpretation and classification development. In addition, he serves as the Project Manager for ClassIT[®], NMFTA's online version of the NMFC. Contact Bill at **703.838.1834** or mascaro@nmfta.org.



Member: Lisa K. Winter is a Senior Classification Specialist and has over 20 years of experience with NMFTA. Lisa has extensive experience in the classification of hazardous materials. Her responsibilities include the development of classifications for an array of products ranging from cookies to plasma televisions. She has assisted in packaging matters and with the interpretation of the NMFC. She began her career in 1986 as a Research Analyst. Lisa also designed and maintained NMFTA's website for a number of years. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English from the College of Wooster in Ohio and has completed graduate coursework towards a Master of Arts degree in Liberal Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Contact Lisa at **703.838.1824** or winter@nmfta.org.

CCSB Staff Members



Counsel: William W. Pugh is Executive Director and General Counsel to the NMFTA, a position he has held for the past six years. Bill has been employed by NMFTA for over 32 years and served as General Counsel to NMFTA since 1975. Prior to working for NMFTA, Bill was an Associate Attorney specializing in administrative law with the Washington, D.C. law firm of Keller and Heckman. Bill was also a Management Systems Engineer for TRW Systems Group in McLean, Virginia, and an electronics engineer for Grumman Aerospace Engineering Corporation in Bethpage, New York. Bill holds a Juris Doctorate from the Catholic University Law School. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Bucknell University and a Master of Science Degree in Operations Research from New York University. Contact Bill at **703.838.1825** or **pugh@nmfta.org**.



Packaging Consultant: Erin N. Topper is a Packaging Consultant with NMFTA assisting participating carriers, shippers, manufacturers, and packaging professionals with the NMFC's minimum packaging requirements and compliance, including Item (Rule) 222. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Packaging from Michigan State University (MSU) and expects to receive a Master's Degree in Packaging from MSU in 2008. Erin's experience includes working for a participating national motor carrier, a packaging association, and in the capacity of package development for an automobile manufacturer. She serves as the Project Strategist for ClassIT®, NMFTA's online version of the NMFC. Erin joined NMFTA in 2005. Contact Erin at **703.838.8856** or **topper@nmfta.org**.



Classification Coordinator: Matthew Welsh facilitates the timely publication of the dockets, dispositions and potential proposals to amend the NMFC and other notices. He acts as a liaison between manufacturers, trade associations, motor carriers and individual companies having an interest in the classification process. Matt has been with the NMFTA for over 30 years primarily dealing with the interpretation of the NMFC and providing classification assistance or information to the shipping public. Matt is a graduate of the St. Lawrence University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. Contact Matt at **703.838.1869** or **welsh@nmfta.org**.



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