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MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION BUREAU

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[49 CFR Parts 173, 179]

(Docket No. HM-125; Notice No. 75-4)

**PROHIBITION OF NEW CONSTRUCTION OF
SPECIFICATION DOT-112A AND 114A UNIN-
SULATED PRESSURE TANK CAR TANKS**

Withdrawal of Notice

AGENCY: Materials Transportation
Bureau (the Bureau), DOT.

ACTION: Withdrawal of Notice No.
75-4.

SUMMARY: Notice 75-4 in Docket No.
HM-125, published in the FEDERAL
REGISTER on April 23, 1975 (40 FR
17853), which proposed amendments
to §§ 173.314 and 179.101 of the Haz-
ardous Materials Regulations to pro-
hibit new construction of DOT specifi-
cation 112A and 114A uninsulated
tank car tanks for use in the transpor-
tation of hazardous materials, is being
withdrawn as no longer necessary in
light of amendments published by the
Bureau on September 15, 1977 under
Docket HM-144 (42 FR 46306).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 26, 1978.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Notice 75-4 in Docket HM-125 was
published by the Hazardous Materials
Regulations Board and developed in
response to several rail accidents in-
volving DOT specification 112A and
114A tank car tanks, which had result-

ed in loss of life and substantial prop-
erty damage. However, subsequent to
issuance of Notice 75-4, the Bureau
proposed more extensive amendments
concerning modification of construc-
tion standards and criteria for the use
of such tank car tanks (Docket HM-
144; Notice 76-12; 41 FR 52324).

Notice 76-12 was the basis for the
amendments published by the Bureau
on September 15, 1977. These amend-
ments addressed the concerns ex-
pressed in Notice 75-4 by requiring for
all 112A and 114A tank car tanks: (1)
bottom and top shelf couplers; (2)
headshields or protective headjackets
on those tank car tanks used to trans-
port anhydrous ammonia and flamma-
ble gases; and (3) thermal protection
on those tank car tanks used to trans-
port flammable gases. In light of this
action, the preamble to the final rule
stated:

As was indicated in the notice, with the
promulgation of standards and specifica-
tions upgrading existing specification 112
and 114 so as to improve design and con-
struction, the Bureau will withdraw Notice
75-4, under Docket HM-125.

Accordingly, the Bureau hereby
withdraws Notice 75-4 under Docket
No. 125.

(49 U.S.C. 1804; 49 CFR 1.53(e))

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ary 18, 1978.

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