

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Research and Special Programs Administration****49 CFR Part 192**

[Amendment 192-34; Docket PS-54]

**Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline; Joining of Plastic Pipe****AGENCY:** Materials Transportation Bureau (MTB).**ACTION:** Extension of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** This notice extends the effective date for the requirements being established under Amendment 192-34; 44 FR No. 142, page 42968, to July 1, 1980.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Cory, 202-426-2392.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Persons responding to the invitation for comment on certain questions discussed in the preamble of Amendment 192-34 have convinced MTB of the need for additional time to qualify persons to make joints and permit training to be done during the winter months when construction activity is at a minimum. An extension of time will also permit operators to adjust their programs to reflect some possible additional changes being considered by MTB in the methods for qualifying joining procedures and permitting additional test methods to show that persons are qualified to make joints as recommended by comments. Any substantive changes will be issued by a further notice.

For the above reasons, MTB is extending the effective date to July 1, 1980, on Amendment 192-34, Docket PS-54, Joining of Plastic Pipe.

(49 U.S.C. 1692; 49 U.S.C. 1804; 49 CFR 1.53, Appendix A of Part 1, and Appendix A of Part 106).

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Cesar De Leon,

*Associate Director for Pipeline Safety Regulation, Materials Transportation Bureau.*

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**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****49 CFR Part 571**

[Docket No. 75-16; Notice 29]

**Air Brake Systems; Correction****AGENCY:** National Traffic Safety Administration, (NHTSA).**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** On August 9, 1979, the NHTSA published in the Federal Register a final rule amending the applicability section (S3) of Standard No. 121, *Air Brake Systems*. On September 13, the agency published a correction of that final rule. An error was made in the September 13, correction when reference to section S5.3.2.1. was inadvertently deleted from the notice. Accordingly, the final rule is corrected by changing the last sentence of section S3 to read: Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, §§ 5.3.1, 5.3.1.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.2.1, 5.3.2.2, 5.7.1, 5.7.3(a) and 5.7.3(b) of this standard are not applicable to trucks and trailers.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 1979.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Scott Shadle, Office of Crash Avoidance, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, D.C. 20590 (202-462-2153).

(Secs. 103, 119, Pub. L. 89-593, 80 Stat. 718 (15 U.S.C. 1392, 1407); delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8).

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Michael M. Finkelstein,

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 216****Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Determination.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in consultation with the Department of State, finds that the Republic of Korea is in substantial conformance with United States regulations governing the taking of marine mammals incidental to yellowfin tuna purse seine fishing operations. In finding that the Republic of Korea is not fishing in a manner proscribed for persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries exempts yellowfin tuna caught by vessels of the Republic of Korea from an importation prohibition.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 1979.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard B. Roe, Deputy Director, Office of Marine Mammals and Endangered Species, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Washington, D.C. 20235, Telephone: 202-634-7461.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published regulations on December 23, 1977, 42 FR 64551-64560, governing the taking of marine mammals incidental to commercial fishing operations (50 CFR 216.24). These regulations include provisions concerning the importation of yellowfin tuna and tuna products from nations whose flag vessels are known to be involved in the tuna purse seine fishery in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean (ETP). Importation of yellowfin tuna and tuna products originating from these countries is contingent upon certain findings by the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries in accordance with § 216.24(e)(5).

The Republic of Korea was not identified as previously having purse seine vessels operating in the ETP, therefore imports from the Republic of Korea were not prohibited. The recent purchase of a purse seine vessel by the Republic of Korea for fishing in the ETP necessitates a finding before yellowfin tuna can be imported. In compliance with § 216.24(e)(5), the Republic of Korea has submitted the required information.

Yellowfin tuna and products caught by Republic of Korea flag vessels are hereby exempted from the importation prohibition effective October 1, 1979. This finding by the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, made in accordance with § 216.24(e)(5)(i), exempts fish originating from the Republic of Korea from the import provisions concerning yellowfin tuna and tuna products listed in § 216.24(e)(2)(ii). However, the requirements listed in § 216.24(e)(4) which call for specific documentation continue to apply. Information submitted by the foregoing government is available for review at the information contact address set out above, and is summarized in the following:

**Republic of Korea**

(a) Fleet. One Republic of Korea-flag tuna purse seine vessel will operate in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean in 1979. The vessel is equipped with a 1¼" mesh porpoise safety panel and porpoise apron in its net. The Republic of Korea expects to export approximately 573 short tons of yellowfin tuna annually to the United