



RE: REGULATORY NOTICE

Last week we received information from Washington DC sources that substantive changes to HM-200 and HM-206 will be forth coming. Both HM-200 and HM-206 currently have 10/1/97 effective dates.

Most portions of HM-206, exclusive of PIH materials, will have their effective dates pushed back. Specifically the areas dealing with:

- **PLACARDING**
- **MARKING ID NUMBERS ON VEHICLES
TRANSPORTING NON-BULK PACKAGES OF HM**
- **EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFORMATION**

HM-200 is under both internal review and challenge from areas such as the agricultural retail industry.

Therefore, as noted earlier to you, both HM-200 and HM-206 will have substantial changes to them by this summer. Remember under HM-126F, the US DOT requires training of HazMat employees within 90 days of a change effecting their duties and/or responsibilities including regulatory changes. The DOT considers HM-200 and HM-206 to be such changes thereby requiring training.

In the April 21, 1997 Federal Register, the Federal Highway Administration of the US DOT issued a notice of public meeting to discuss the development of the North American standard for protection against shifting or falling cargo. Meetings will be held on 5/3/97 in Houston.

Additional details will be provided by notice as they become finalized.

If there are any questions on the above, please contact our office directly at (609) 426-0555, between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

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