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Decision No. 67990

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation ) into the rates, rules, regulations, ) charges allowances and practices of ) all common carriers, highway carriers and city carriers relating to ) the transportation of any and all ) commodities between and within all ) points and places in the State of ) California (including, but not ) limited to, transportation for ) which rates are provided in Minimum ) Rate Tariff No. 2).

Case No. 5432 Petition for Modification No. 339, Filed April 17, 1964

D. H. Marken, for Mitsui & Co., petitioner. W. A. Dillon, J. C. Kaspar and A. D. Poe, for California Trucking Association, interested party. <u>George L. Hunt</u>, for the Commission staff.

<u>OPINION</u>

This matter was heard and submitted August 6, 1964 before Examiner Thompson, at Los Angeles. Copies of the petition and notice of hearing were served in accordance with the Commission's procedural rules.

Mitsui & Co., petitioner herein, markets tricalcium phosphate under the trade name "Tricaphos" in California. It requests that tricalcium phosphate (feed grade) be included in the list of commodities in List No. 4, Item 652½ of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. Said list names a number of commodities under the heading, "Feed, Animal or Poultry, and other articles not prepared for human consumption." The effect of adding tricalcium phosphate to List No. 4 would be to make it subject to commodity rates which are substantially lower than the class rates now applicable.

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California Trucking Association is opposed to the petition because it would provide lower rates for the commodity and therefore would result in carriers receiving lower revenues for its transportation. Only the petitioner offered evidence in this proceeding.

Petitioner's product, Tricaphos, is phosphate rock which has been crushed, ground and processed to remove fluorine constituents. Its content is about 35 percent elemental calcium and 18 percent elemental phosphorus. Dicalcium phosphate (feed grade) is a similar product of phosphate rock containing about 25 percent elemental calcium and 18 percent elemental phosphorus. Both of those products are used for their phosphorus constituents as ingredients in animal and poultry feed. Except for certain types of feed where a low ratio of calcium to phosphorus is desired, the products are used interchangeably. The only value of these commodities for feed purposes is the phosphorus element contained therein. The nutritionist for California Milling Corporation, a producer of animal and poultry feed, testified that in addition to the two commodities mentioned above, other commodities are also used as sources of elemental phosphorus for animal and poultry feeds. In almost all instances, and particularly with respect to tricalcium phosphate and dicalcium phosphate, the prices of those commodities are fixed on the basis of the units of phosphorus contained therein. The purchase price per ton delivered of tricalcium phosphate and dicalcium phosphate is the same. The commodities are shipped in multiwall paper bags and weigh 100 pounds per bag.

Based upon the record, the Commission finds that:

1. The weight density, value, form of shipping container and handling characteristics of tricalcium phosphate (feed grade) are the same as those of dicalcium phosphate (feed grade).

2. Tricalcium phosphate (feed grade) is used as an ingredient of animal and poultry feed and, as such, is competitive with dicalcium phosphate and bone meal.

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3. Dicalcium phosphate (feed grade) and bone meal are named in List No. 4 of Item 652½ of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 and therefore are subject to the commodity rates set forth in said tariff which are substantially lower than the class rates applicable to tricalcium phosphate (feed grade).

4. The minimum rates established by the Commission in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 for the transportation of dicalcium phosphate (feed grade) are, and for the future will be, the just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory minimum rates to be charged by highway carriers for the transportation of tricalcium phosphate (feed grade).

We conclude that Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 should be amended by the inclusion of tricalcium phosphate in List No. 4 of Item  $652\frac{1}{2}$ .

As stated above, California Trucking Association did not present evidence; however, it appears to be desirable to comment concerning its assertions in opposition to this petition. Assuming, as stated by the association, that tricalcium phosphate is used as an ingredient in foodstuffs, that is not material here as List No. 4 provides that the commodities listed therein shall not be prepared for human consumption. In that connection, the agency of the State of California regulating the preparation and marketing of animal feed requires where tricalcium phosphate (feed grade) or dicalcium phosphate (feed grade) are used in the preparation of feed that they be shown on the list of ingredients only as calcium phosphate. Also, assuming, as asserted by the association, that the inclusion of tricalcium phosphate in List No. 4 of Item 6522 will result in carriers' receiving less revenue for the transportation of that commodity, such weight where it has been shown that circumstance is not partitled-to the Commission has established minimum commodity rates on one article and not another and the transportation characteristics and marketing conditions of both articles are virtually identical.

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#### IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 (Appendix D of Decision No. 31606, as amended) is further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective November 14, 1964, the revised pages attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, which pages are numbered as follows:

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2. Tariff publications authorized to be made by common carriers as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than the tenth day after the effective date of this order, and may be made effective on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public if filed not later than sixty days after the effective date of the minimum rate tariff pages incorporated in this order.

3. Common carriers, in establishing and maintaining the rates authorized hereinabove, are hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained under outstanding authorizations; such outstanding authorizations are hereby modified only to the extent necessary to comply with this order; and schedules containing the rates published under this

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authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

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Commissioner Everett C. McKeage, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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MINIMUM RATE TARIFF NO. 2

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Peas, split or whole (M)	652-654	Red Dog	652-6542		
Peat Moss	652-6542	Redwood Bark	652-6542		
Pectin, Fruit or	0)~~0)#2	Reels, Measuring	365		
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dried, flaked or		Refuse, Bean or Pea	652-6542		
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cation	377.5,723-726	Residuum, fruit or	1		
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"Phosphate, Tricalcium	652-6542	Rice, Cleaned	652-6542		
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Pie Mix, Pizze	345	ingredients	345,360		
Pie Preparations	320	Rice, Paddy	652-6542		
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Pimentos	320	Rods, Polished or			
Pins, wooden	365	Valve	365		
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irm or steel	365	Rods, Sucker	365		
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Pipe, cast iron soil	378	Rope, Wire	365		
Pipe, plate or sheet		Rose Water	395		
iron or steel	365	Running Gears, steam			
Pizza Pie Mix	345	boiler (M)	365		
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compound	378.2				
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Posts	690,710	Sauce, pepper	320		
Potetoes, cooked and		Sauces, table	320		
powdered, other than		Sausage	320		
frozen	360	Sausage casings	320		

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Potatoes, processed, cooked and powdered, Potato Chips (M) Poultry Litter Powder, Baking or Yeast Powder, Baking or Yeast Powder, Sachet er Toilet Powders, Citrus Fruit Juice Power Pumps (M) Powers, Pumping Preservatives, wood (M) Protectors, Box and Pin Puddings Pulleys, Tug Pull Rod Blocks, wooden Pulp, Beet Pulp, Dried Fruit Pulp, Fruit, citrus, dried flaked or granulated Pulp, Fruit or Vegetable Pulp, Tomato, wet Pumps, Power (M) Puree, Temato	320 360 360 $652-654\frac{1}{2}$ 360 395 365 365 377.5,723-726 365 320 377.5,723-726 365 320 365 320 379.5 652-654\frac{1}{2} 320 379.5 652-654\frac{1}{2} 320 379.5 652-654\frac{1}{2} 320 379.5 652-654\frac{1}{2} 320 379.5	Savers, Oil Saw Mill Residue Scourings Scrap, Fish Scraps, dried meat Screenings, Alfalfa Seed Screenings, Bean or Pea Screenings, Flaxseed Screenings, Grain, ground Screenings, Crain, unground Screenings, Crain, unground Screenings, Millet Screenings, Pea Seed, Breen Corn Seed, Breen Corn Seed, Flaxseed Seed, Hemp Seed, Melilotus Seed, Millet Seed, Rape Seed, Sesame Seed, Sorghum Seed, Sunflower Seed, Sweet Clover	365 382 652-654 652-65
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## MINIMUM RATE TARIFF NO. 2

Item	SECTION NO. 3 COMMODITY RATES (Continued)
No.	
	(Applies in connection with rates making specific reference hereto.)
	GRAIN, RICE, GRAIN PRODUCTS AND RELATED ARTICLES, viz.: Feed, Animal or Poultry, and other articles not prepared for human consumption, viz.:
	LIST NO. 3: Feed, Animal or Poultry (except cooked or baked cakes, biscuits or breadsee Note 1), consisting of mixtures or blended products of which 70% or more in weight is composed of two or more of the commodities in Paragraphs (a) and (b) below:
	<ul> <li>(a) Commodities shown in Lists N s. 1 and 2 of Item No. 652, Commodities shown in List No. 4 below and List No. 5 of Item No. 652-3/4,</li> <li>(a) Commodities shown in List No. 4 below and Clover or Sorghum, cut or ground, Clover or Sorghum, cut or ground, Cotton Gin Waste, Wheat Cereal Offal.</li> </ul>
ø652 <del>2</del>	<ul> <li>(b) The following articles not to exceed 70% of the total weight of the prepared animal or poultry feed: Bran, Cottonseed, Molasses, viz: Fish Oil Residuum Blackstrap, (Fish Presswater), Beet Sugar Final, Hulls, cottonseed, Corn Sugar Final (Hydrol) ground (Cottonseed Oil Cake or Oil Cake Meal Hull Bran), Rice Bran, Hulls or Polish.</li> <li>Milk or Buttermilk, dried, Milk, sour skim,</li> </ul>
	Note 1Steaming as a process preliminary to further pro- cess of manufacture to produce animal or poultry feed as described in this list will not be con- sidered cooking.
	LIST NO. 4: Feed, Animal or Poultry, viz.: Alfalfa, chopped, with or without sweetening ingredients, Alfalfa, ground and pressed into cubes or pellets, air-dry or otherwise dried, (D)Bean or Pea Refuse or Meal, viz.: (Continued) Dried Fruit Stem (unfit for human consumption), Feather, Fuit Pomace (unfit for human consumption), Hull or Shell, Nut, Meal, viz.: (Continued) Dried Fruit Stem (unfit for human consumption), Feather, Hull or Shell, Nut, Meal, viz.: (Continued) Dried Fruit Stem (unfit for human consumption), Hull or Shell, Nut, Meat,
	screenings, Molasses, Blood Flour, Tomato Pomace, (2)Buttermilk, condensed, dried Vegetable, other than Oil or in paste form, Cake Meal, Cake, dried fruit seed. (2)Milk, dried (unfit for human con-Mineral Mixtures(See Note2) sumption), (1)Peas, dried, unfit for Diammonium Phosphate (feed grade), Dicalcium Phosphate (feed grade), Potato Pulp Refuse (residue from alcohol distillation
	Distillery Molasses (resi- duum from molasses dis- tillation), dry, ceed 10% barley malt,

2)Flavin Concentrate, Pulp, fruit dried, flaked or Flax Schives, cut or granulated (unfit for ground with sweetening human consumption), ingredients, (1)Fruit, dried, refuse or substandard (unfit for (1) Refuse, fruit dried (unfit for human consumption), Residuum fruit or vegetable, human consumption), dried, Fruit Peel or Pulp, citrus, Scrap, fish, ground or dried, and flaked or pulverized, dry, Scraps, dried meat, granulated, Kelp, dried or ground, Seeds, refuse or screening, Meal, viz.: Alfalfa (Ground Alfalfa), Seeds, dried, fruit (unfit for human consumption), with or without sweet (2)Skim Milk, condensed, dried ening ingredients, or in paste form, Bean Straw, with or without Soybean Mill Feed (screening sweetening ingredients, from manufacture of soybean flour), Bone, Bone, ground, and mo-\*Tricalcium Phósphate (feed lasses, mixed, grade), Blood, Urea (feed grade), (2)Whey, condensed, dried or in paste form,
(2)Yeast, residual, dried. Clover, dehydrated grass and/or ground clover, Dried Fruit Seed (unfit for human consumption), Note 2.-Includes Mineral Mixtures containing Calcium Carbonate, copperas, Epsom Salts, Sulphate of Soda, Glauber's Salts, Sulphur of Potassium lodide, with or without not in excess of 10% by weight of other unnamed ingredients.

 Where commodity actually shipped is named in Item Nos. 40 or 41, applies only when in physical mixture with other articles in Items Nos. 652, 6522 or 653.
 When in packages, containers must be so branded, labeled or marked as plainly to indicate that they contain animal or poultry feed as described.

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