

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 73515

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of National Motor Freight Traffic)
Association, Inc., Agent, for and)
on behalf of certain highway com-)
mon carriers and express corpora-)
tions, for authority to make vari-)
ous revisions in National Motor)
Freight Classification A-9 and its)
California Supplement.)

Application No. 49778
(Filed November 6, 1967)

In the Matter of the Investigation)
into the rates, rules, regulations,)
charges, allowances and practices)
of all common carriers, highway)
carriers and city carriers relat-)
ing 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. 480)
(Filed November 6, 1967)

And Related Matters)

Cases Nos. 5435, 5439, 5440,
5441, 5603 and 7858
(Petitions for Modification
Nos. 96, 64, 52, 132, 46
and 31, respectively)
(Filed November 6, 1967)

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Decision No. 73407 dated November 28, 1967, granted author-
ity to National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc., Agent, to
publish, on behalf of California common carriers to become effective
not earlier than January 1, 1968, numerous changes in classification
ratings, rules and other provisions and denied other such changes
concerning certain furniture items.¹ That decision concurrently

¹The provisions are published in Supplements 21 and 13 to National
Motor Freight Classifications A-9 and A-9 (CAL), respectively.

adopted and approved such classification changes as were granted to govern the minimum rates established by the Commission as set forth in various minimum rate tariffs² and provided for the scheduling of a hearing for the receipt of evidence with respect to those suggested changes which were denied.

National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc., Agent, applicant in Application No. 49778, suggested that the effective date of any order in these proceedings be thirty days from the date of such order so that interested parties would have ample opportunity to advise it and the Commission concerning any classification changes which may require separate and further consideration without unduly delaying the effectiveness of the great body of classification changes when there is no question or dispute.

By letter from its Director, Transportation & Distribution Department, dated November 28, 1967, California Manufacturers Association informed the Commission that it has received objections from members of its organization concerning proposed changes in the bill-of-lading rule and requests that such changes be suspended.³

² The tariffs are Minimum Rate Tariffs Nos. 1-B (East Bay Drayage), 2 (General Commodities Statewide), 5 (Los Angeles Drayage), 9-B (San Diego Drayage), 10 (Cement Statewide) and 11-A (Uncrated New Furniture Statewide) and City Carriers' Tariff No. 1-A (San Francisco Drayage).

³ The changes, which are set forth in Rule 360 of National Motor Freight Classification A-9, provide for the assessment of additional charges when the payor of the freight or other lawful charges requires or requests (1) extra copies of bills of lading or freight bills; (2) preparation by carriers of any forms requiring itemization, listing or description of single or multiple freight bills, for submittal with freight bills or statements of charges; (3) any forms or copies of forms not hereinbefore specified; and (4) information be shown on freight bills or statements of charges that are not indicated on the shipping order at time of shipment.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the changes authorized by Decision No. 73407, supra, in connection with Rule 360 of National Motor Freight Classification A-9 should be suspended pending hearing on the matter. The Commission concludes that National Motor Freight Classification A-9 should be amended by filing a suspension supplement thereto indicating that the above rule is suspended on California intrastate traffic pending further order.

Inasmuch as the proposed changes involved herein are scheduled to become effective January 1, 1968, on California intrastate traffic, the order which follows will be made effective on the date hereof.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The provisions published in Rule 360 of Supplement 21 to National Motor Freight Classification A-9 are hereby suspended on California intrastate traffic and the use of such rule deferred until April 30, 1968, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, and no change shall be made in this rule during the period of suspension or any extension thereof unless authorized by special permission of the Commission.

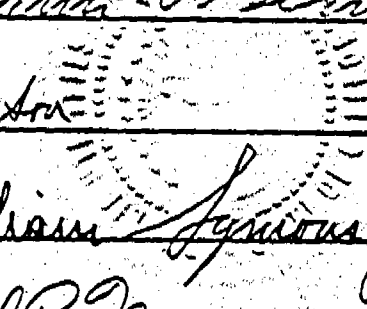
2. National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc., Agent, is hereby required and directed to publish and file a suspension supplement to National Motor Freight Classification A-9 reflecting the suspension of the rule specified in Ordering Paragraph 1 hereof.

3. Copies of this order shall be forthwith served upon National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc., Agent, California Manufacturers Association and California Trucking Association.

4. A public hearing shall be scheduled in these proceedings for the receipt of evidence concerning the application to California intrastate traffic of Rule 360 of Supplement 21 to National Motor Freight Classification A-9.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of December, 1967.


Eric E. Mitchell
President
William Bernard
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William Aguirre Jr.
Jack P. Monroney
Commissioners