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Decision No. 77462

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
J. D. Sherson, Tariff Publishing  
Officer, for approval of changes in  
classification provision.

) Application No. 51795  
) (Filed March 31, 1970)  
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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, J. D. Sherson, Tariff Publishing Officer for the Uniform Classification Committee, seeks authority to publish, on behalf of California railroads, certain changes in furniture packaging requirements named in Uniform Freight Classification No. 9.

Applicant states that revision of the involved package descriptions is necessary to upgrade the specifications in order to alleviate the numerous damage claims which have plagued the rail carriers for many years. The application shows that a hearing on the proposals, attended by furniture manufacturers representatives throughout the country, was held in Chicago on March 19, 1968. The application further shows that the proposed revisions have become effective on interstate traffic and on intrastate traffic in the other 49 states.

The application shows that a large number of shipper organizations and other parties were furnished a copy of the application. The application was listed on the Commission's Calendar of April 1, 1970. No protests have been received.

The Commission finds that any increases resulting from the proposed revised packaging rules are justified. We conclude that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

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Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that J. D. Sherson, Agent for Uniform Classification No. 9, is authorized to publish and file, on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and the public, the changes in packaging requirements set forth in Application No. 51795.

The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date hereof.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 1970.

J. D. Sherson  
Chairman

William J. ...

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Commissioners

Commissioner A. W. Gatov, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.