

GENERAL ORDER NO. 106

**Public Utilities Commission of the
State of California**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE INSTALLATION OF
CHEMICAL-TYPE TOILET FACILITIES IN COMMON CARRIER RAIL-
ROAD CABOOSES USED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE
PUBLIC OR EMPLOYEES.**

Adopted June 17, 1958, Effective January 1, 1959.
Decision No. 56850, Case No. 6017.

It is Ordered by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California that on and after January 1, 1959, the installation and maintenance of chemical-type toilet facilities in common carrier railroad cabooses used in the transportation of the public or employees shall conform to the minimum rules and regulations hereinafter prescribed.

SECTION 1—TYPE OF INSTALLATION

- 1.1 The containers of chemical-type toilets shall be charged with a caustic chemical solution of proper strength and their contents shall be agitated as necessary when in service.
- 1.2 When containers are more than two-thirds full the contents thereof shall be disposed of such as by burial or into a public sewer system.
- 1.3 Containers shall be constructed in a manner that will prevent the caustic chemical solution therein from splashing upon any portion of the body of the person using the facility during any movement of a caboose likely to occur in usual train operations, including slack action.
- 1.4 The stacks connecting the seats with the containers of chemical-type toilets shall be cleaned as necessary to maintain them in a sanitary condition.

SECTION 2—GENERAL (CHEMICAL-TYPE TOILETS)

- 2.1 The enclosure of every toilet room shall be of solid construction from floor to ceiling and shall have a solid door or a door with nontransparent lights.
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- 2.2 The walls and ceilings of every toilet room shall be of suitable non-absorbent material and have a light-colored water repellent finish at least equal to that of a good quality paint or varnish and shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner and free from defacement.
- 2.3 The finish of the floor of every toilet room and the side walls to a height of not less than six inches shall be smooth, cleanable and of non-absorbent material.
- 2.4 If practical, every toilet room shall be located so as to open to the outside light and air by windows. If not practical to provide ventilation by window, then ventilation shall be provided by an air vent of sufficient capacity to maintain the atmosphere free from objectionable odors.
- 2.5 An adequate supply of toilet paper with holder shall be supplied for each toilet.

SECTION 3—EXEMPTIONS

- 3.1 This order does not apply to flush-type toilets.
- 3.2 If in any particular case exemption from any of the requirements of this order is deemed necessary by a carrier concerned, the Commission will consider the application of such carrier for such exemption when accompanied by a full statement of the conditions existing and the reason why such exemption is asked. Any exemption so granted will be limited to the particular case covered by the application.
- 3.3 The Commission reserves the right to modify any of the provisions of this order when in its opinion it is deemed necessary.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
By: R. J. PAJALICH, Secretary

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