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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

49 CFR Chapter X

STB Ex Parte No. 567

NOMENCLATURE CHANGES IN THE BOARD'S REGULATIONS

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Final Rules.

SUMMARY: The Board revises its regulations to make nomenclature changes to reflect the transfer of functions from the Interstate Commerce Commission to the Surface Transportation Board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These rules are effective August 5, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is revising its regulations to reflect nomenclature changes effected by the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995) (ICCTA). The ICCTA abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and eliminated many of its functions. Some of the ICC's retained functions were transferred directly to the Board, while others were transferred directly to the Secretary of Transportation (and subsequently delegated to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)). The ICC's regulations in 49 CFR chapter X were, however, transferred en masse to the Board, after which some were subsequently transferred to the FHWA and redesignated in 49 CFR chapter III.

In various rulemaking proceedings that it has conducted since the ICCTA was enacted, the Board has eliminated or revised many of its regulations, and, in the revised regulations, we have made the necessary nomenclature changes to reflect the transfer of functions from the ICC to the Board. Nevertheless, numerous regulations in 49 CFR Chapter X continue to contain incorrect references to the ICC, and we are revising those regulations to remove the ICC references and add references to the Board.<sup>1</sup>

### **Small Entities**

The Board certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities.

### **Environment**

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: July 29, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

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<sup>1</sup> Certain regulations are being excluded from these revisions because they already include the appropriate nomenclature, will be revised in the near future to reflect the nomenclature and other changes, or will be redesignated to other parts of the CFR.

Vernon A. Williams  
 Secretary

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, parts 1002 through 1332 (except in part 1201 subpart A (ii)16.(a), part 1206, part 1249 and part 1312) of title 49, chapter X, of the Code of Federal Regulations are amended as follows:

In the list below, in the order listed, remove the term indicated in the left column from wherever it appears in parts 1002 through 1332 (except in part 1201 subpart A (ii)16.(a), part 1206, part 1249 and part 1312), and add in its place the term indicated in the right column:

Remove	Add
Interstate Commerce Commission	Surface Transportation Board
Interstate Commerce Commission's	Surface Transportation Board's
Commissioner	Board Member
Commissioner's	Board Member's
Commissioners	Board Members
Commission	Board
Commission's	Board's
ICC	STB
ICC's	STB's