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must be covered with fresh, dry sand or dirt.

(o) All tools and implements used in connection with unloading must be kept free of oil, dirt, and grit.

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**§ 174.81 Segregation of hazardous materials.**

(a) This section applies to materials which meet one or more of the hazard classes defined in this subchapter and are in packages which are required to

be labeled or placarded under the provisions of part 172 of this subchapter.

(b) When a rail car is to be transported by vessel, other than a ferry vessel, hazardous materials on or within that rail car must be stowed and segregated in accordance with § 176.83(b) of this subchapter.

(c) Except as provided in § 173.12(e) of this subchapter, cyanides, cyanide mixtures or solutions may not be stored, loaded and transported with acids, and Division 4.2 materials may not be stored, loaded and transported with Class 8 liquids.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, hazardous materials must be stored, loaded or transported in accordance with the following table and other provisions of this section:

SEGREGATION TABLE FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Class or Division	Notes	1.1, 1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3 gas Zone A	2.3 gas Zone B	3	4.1	4.2	4.3	5.1	5.2	6.1 liq- uids PG I Zone A	7	8 liquids only
Explosives ..... 1.1 and 1.2	A	*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Explosives ..... 1.3		*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Explosives ..... 1.4		*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Very insensitive explosives. 1.5	A	*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Extremely insensitive explosives. 1.6		*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Flammable gases ..... 2.1		X	X	O	X	X													
Non-toxic, non-flammable gases. 2.2		X	X	O	X	X													
Poisonous gas Zone A 2.3		X	X	O	X	X	X												
Poisonous gas Zone B 2.3		X	X	O	X	X	X												
Flammable liquids ..... 3		X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Flammable solids ..... 4.1		X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spontaneously combustible materials. 4.2		X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dangerous when wet materials. 4.3		X	X		X	X													
Oxidizers ..... 5.1	A	X	X		X	X													
Organic peroxides ..... 5.2		X	X		X	X													
Poisonous liquids PG I Zone A. 6.1		X	X	O	X	X	O												
Radioactive materials ... 7		X	X		X	X													
Corrosive liquids ..... 8		X	X	O	X	X	O												

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(e) Instructions for using the segregation table for hazardous materials in paragraph (d) of this section are as follows:

(1) The absence of any hazard class or division, or a blank space in the table indicates that no restrictions apply.

(2) The letter “X” in the table indicates that these materials may not be loaded, transported, or stored together in the same rail car or storage facility during the course of transportation.

(3) The letter “O” in the table indicates that these materials may not be loaded, transported, or stored together in the same rail car or storage facility during the course of transportation unless separated in a manner that, in the event of leakage from packages under conditions normally incident to transportation, commingling of hazardous materials would not occur. Notwithstanding the methods of separation employed, Class 8 (corrosive) liquids may not be loaded above or adjacent to Class 4 (flammable) or Class 5 (oxidizing) materials; except that shippers may load carload shipments of such materials together when it is known that the mixture of contents would not cause a fire or a dangerous evolution of heat or gas.

(4) The “\*” in the table indicates that segregation among different Class 1 (explosive) materials is governed by the compatibility table in paragraph (f) of this section.

(5) The note “A” in the second column of the table means that, notwithstanding the requirements of the letter “X”, ammonium nitrate fertilizer may be loaded or stored with Division 1.1 (explosive) or Division 1.5 materials.

(6) When the §172.101 table or §172.402 of this subchapter requires a package to bear a subsidiary hazard label, segregation appropriate to the subsidiary hazard must be applied when that segregation is more restrictive than that required by the primary hazard. However, hazardous materials of the same class may be loaded and transported together without regard to segregation required by any secondary hazard if the materials are not capable of reacting dangerously with each other and causing combustion or dangerous evolution of heat, evolution of flammable, poisonous, or asphyxiant gases, or formation of corrosive or unstable materials.

(f) Class 1 (explosive) materials may not be loaded, transported, or stored together, except as provided in this section, and in accordance with the following table:

COMPATIBILITY TABLE FOR CLASS 1 (EXPLOSIVE) MATERIALS

Compatibility group	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	N	S
A		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B	X		X	4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	4/5
C	X	X		2	2	X	6	X	X	X	X	X	3 4/5
D	X	4	2		2	X	6	X	X	X	X	X	3 4/5
E	X	X	2	2		X	6	X	X	X	X	X	3 4/5
F	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	4/5
G	X	X	6	6	6	X		X	X	X	X	X	4/5
H	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	4/5
J	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	4/5
K	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	4/5
L	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		1	X
N	X	X	3	3	3	X	X	X	X	X	X		4/5
S	X	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	X	4/5	

(g) Instructions for using the compatibility table for Class 1 (explosive) materials in paragraph (f) of this section are as follows:

(1) A blank space in the table indicates that no restrictions apply.

(2) The letter “X” in the table indicates that explosives of different compatibility groups may not be carried on

the same rail car, unless packed in separate freight containers (e.g., two or more freight containers mounted upon the same rail car).

(3) The numbers in the table mean the following:

(i) “1” means explosives from compatibility group L may only be carried

on the same rail car with an identical explosive.

(ii) “2” means any combination of explosives from compatibility group C, D, or E is assigned to compatibility group E.

(iii) “3” means any combination of explosives from compatibility group C, D, or E with those in compatibility group N is assigned to compatibility group D.

(iv) “4” means detonators and detonating primers, Division 1.4S (explosives), may not be loaded in the same car with Division 1.1 and 1.2 (explosive) materials.

(v) “5” means Division 1.4S fireworks may not be loaded in the same car with Division 1.1 or 1.2 (explosive) materials.

(vi) “6” means explosive articles in compatibility group G, other than fireworks and those requiring special stowage, may be loaded and transported with articles of compatibility groups C, D and E, provided no explosive substances are carried in the same rail car.

(h) Except as provided in paragraph (i) of this section, explosives of the same compatibility group but of different divisions may be transported together provided that the whole shipment is transported as though its entire contents were of the lower numerical division (i.e., Division 1.1 being lower than Division 1.2). For example, a mixed shipment of Division 1.2 (explosive) materials and Division 1.4 (explosive) materials, compatibility group D, must be transported as Division 1.2 (explosive) materials.

(i) When Division 1.5 materials, compatibility group D are transported in the same freight container as Division 1.2 (explosive) materials, compatibility group D, the shipment must be transported as Division 1.1 (explosive) materials, compatibility group D.

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### Subpart D—Handling of Placarded Rail Cars, Transport Vehicles and Freight Containers

#### § 174.82 General requirements for the handling of placarded rail cars, transport vehicles, freight containers, and bulk packages.

(a) Unless otherwise specified, this subpart does not apply to the handling of rail cars, transport vehicles, freight containers, or bulk packagings, which contain Division 1.6, combustible liquids, Division 6.1 PG III materials, Class 9 materials, or ORM-D materials.

(b) A placarded rail car, transport vehicle, freight container, or bulk package may not be transported in a passenger train.

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#### § 174.83 Switching placarded rail cars, transport vehicles, freight containers, and bulk packagings.

(a) In switching operations where the use of hand brakes is necessary—

(1) It must be determined by trial whether a loaded, placarded car, or a car occupied by a rider in a draft containing a placarded car, has its hand brakes in proper working condition before it is cut off;

(2) A loaded, placarded tank car or a draft which includes a loaded placarded tank car may not be cut off until the preceding rail car clears the ladder track; and

(3) A loaded, placarded tank car or a draft which includes a loaded placarded tank car must clear the ladder track before another rail car is allowed to follow.

(b) Any loaded rail car placarded for a Division 1.1 or Division 1.2 explosive, a Division 2.3 Hazard Zone A gas or a Division 6.1 PG I Hazard Zone A material, or a Class DOT 113 tank car displaying a Division 2.1 (flammable gas) placard, including a Class DOT 113 tank car containing only a residue of a Division 2.1 material, may not be:

(1) Cut off while in motion;

(2) Coupled into with more force than is necessary to complete the coupling; or