ITEM 170-1 – BUMPING – ARTIFICIAL CONSTRUCTION OF DENSITY

“Bumping” is the declaration on the original bill of lading of an artificially higher weight for the purpose of causing a higher density that allows the article or piece being "bumped" to qualify for a lower classification rating.

“Bumping” may be performed under the provisions in Item 171, NMF 100 Series (NMFC), subject to the following conditions:

1. "Bumping" provisions may only be used for commodity items in the NMFC that assign classes based upon density and then only for those that make specific reference to Item 171 in the NMFC.
2. Shipper may only "Bump" to the next lower (NMFC) class or rating. "Bumping" to an exception or FAK class or rating is not permitted. If "bumping" is requested on shipments on which an FAK or exception rating is provided, the FAK or exception rating will not apply. Instead, the shipment will be classified and rated as provided in the NMFC.

When the provisions of this rule are utilized, the shipper must declare intent to "bump" at the time of shipment and include the following items on the original bill of lading: actual cube, actual weight, density group (sub) embracing the actual density, declared density and declared weight for billing.