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The American Society of Travel Agents, Inc. (ASTA) submits these comments on the above captioned notice of proposed rulemaking, wherein the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) proposes, among other things, to amend 49 CFR 175.25 to provide flexibility in the means by which notice of hazardous materials restrictions are provided in connection with reservations made by telephone.

ASTA filed a Petition for Rulemaking in Docket No. FAA-2014-0204 seeking substantially the relief proposed in the instant proceeding. ASTA believes that the present proposal grants the substance of the relief sought in that filing and we will not burden the record by repeating all of it in this comment. Suffice it to say that ASTA fully supports the harmonization proposed through amendment to 49 CFR 175.25. We are confident that the Global Distribution Systems will work with the airlines constructively to provide the required notices prior to check-in, as contemplated by the new regulation, yielding important efficiency gains

while reminding travelers of their responsibilities regarding carriage of hazardous materials on aircraft.

Respectfully Submitted,

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TRAVEL AGENTS, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul M. Ruden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "R".

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