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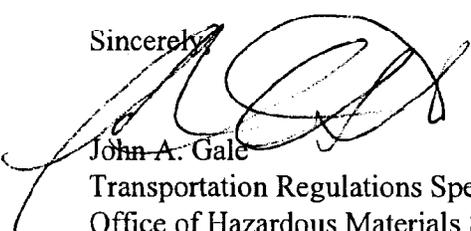
Dear Mr. Bahia:

This is in response to your letter of October 17, 2001, inquiring about the conditions under which the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) permit bulk packagings (cargo tank motor vehicles) manufactured and certified in accordance with the Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) Regulations issued by Transport Canada to be used for transportation of hazardous materials into and through the United States.

For shipments which originate in Canada and either terminate in the U.S. or transit the U.S. to a Canadian or foreign destination, when the HMR require a DOT specification cargo tank motor vehicle to be used for a hazardous material, a cargo tank motor vehicle authorized by the TDG regulations may be used only if it corresponds to the DOT specification authorized in the HMR (see § 171.12a(b)(13)). A TC specification cargo tank motor vehicle may be used to transport a material, such as a combustible liquid, n.o.s., that is not subject to the specification packaging requirements of the HMR. The HMR in § 171.12a(a) authorize the return to Canada of empty cargo tank motor vehicles containing residue of hazardous materials which originally were imported into the U.S.

I trust this satisfies your inquiry.

Sincerely,



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§ 171.12(a)
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Subject: HMR 171.12a

Dear Ms. Mitchell

Question: 1. May a "TC" specification packaging manufactured and certified after August 1995 in accordance with Transport Canada Dangerous Goods regulations which corresponds to a DOT specification packaging be used to transport hazardous materials to and or through the U.S.

Question: 2. May a TC specification packaging manufactured and certified after August 1995 in accordance with Transport Canada Dangerous Goods regulations which **does not correspond** to DOT specification packaging be used to transport hazardous materials to and or through the U.S.

Question: 3. Under what conditions may a "TC" specification packaging manufactured and certified after August 1995 in accordance with Transport Canada Dangerous Goods regulations be used to transport hazardous materials from the U.S. into Canada.

Your earliest response to these questions will be highly appreciated

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