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Mr. Matt Barfknecht
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Reference No. 11-0099

Dear Mr. Barfknecht:

This responds to your April 27, 2011 email regarding the limited quantity marking requirements of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) as amended under final rule HM-215K (76 FR 3308; January 19, 2011). Specifically, you request confirmation that the tan color of the boxes used by your company to package limited quantity hazardous material provides a suitable contrasting background for the limited quantity marking as illustrated in a picture you provided to us.

Based on the picture provided, the color of the packaging provides a suitable contrasting background for the limited quantity marking. As amended under HM-215K, § 172.315(a)(2) requires the top and bottom portions and the border forming the square-on-point (i.e., the limited quantity marking) to be black and the center white or of a suitable contrasting background. To rephrase, the center of the limited quantity marking must be white or of a suitable contrasting color to the black top and bottom portions and the border. Printing the limited quantity marking on a fiberboard box in the manner illustrated by the picture you provided meets this condition.

I trust this satisfies your inquiry. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Ben Supko
Chief, Standards Development Branch
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Drakeford, Carolyn (PHMSA)

From: Betts, Charles (PHMSA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 12:31 PM
To: Drakeford, Carolyn (PHMSA)
Subject: FW: Question regarding new Limited Quantity Mark
Attachments: LQ tan.JPG; LQ White.JPG

Please log this in for expedited handling

From: Matt Barfknecht [<mailto:mattb@jones-blair.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 8:57 AM
To: Betts, Charles (PHMSA)
Subject: Question regarding new Limited Quantity Mark

Mr. Betts,

We are in the process of changing to the new limited quantity mark as required by 172.315. I have attached two pictures for your review. I would like to print the black diamond on our tan boxes and avoid printing white. My questions is does the black over tan provide a "suitable contrasting background"?

Thank you for your time.

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