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Ms. Sarah Hall
President, Tamaya Chemical
Corporation
500 North Birdneck Road, Suite 100
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

Dear Ms. Hall:

This responds to your letter requesting information concerning the applicability of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) to iodine (99.5% purity). Specifically, you ask that this office update the information contained in a letter to you dated August 11, 1994.

The information that we provided in our earlier letter is accurate. Under the HMR, a shipper must properly classify, package, mark, and label a hazardous material for transportation in commerce. The criteria for making determinations as to the hazard class of a material can be found in Part 173 of the HMR. It is not necessary for a shipper to confirm its classification of a hazardous material with the Department of Transportation.

Based on the information available to this office, iodine (solid, 99.5% pure) does not meet the definition of any hazard class as set forth in Part 173. Thus, shipments of iodine (solid, 99.5% pure) are not subject to the requirements of the HMR.

If you require additional information, you may wish to contact the Hazardous Materials Information Center at 1-800-467-4922. A hazardous materials transportation safety specialist is available to answer questions on the requirements of the HMR between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

I hope this information is helpful. If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Alan I. Roberts
Associate Administrator for
Hazardous Materials Safety



TAMAYA CHEMICAL CORPORATION

January 13, 1998

Patricia Klinger
Administrator's Office
U.S. Department of Transportation
Research and Special Programs Administration

Dear Patricia:

Tamaya Chemical needs an updated statement, in writing, as to the status of the U.S. DOT Classification and shipping regulations for Iodine 99.5% purity. A copy of your previous response to this request is enclosed for your reference.

In the past, it has taken as long as nine months and the intervention of a congressman to obtain an answer to this request. Please verify as to whether there has been any change to the status for shipping Iodine. I can be reached by phone at (757) 422-1884 or by FAX at (757) 422-9685.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hall
President

cc: Owen Pickett

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DOCUMENT SUMMARY: Request for status of shipping regulations for iodine

CORRESPONDENCE FROM:
 Sarah Hall

SIGNATURE LEVEL:
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ACTION TO BE TAKEN:
 Prepare Response

COMMENTS:

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August 11, 1994

Ms. Sarah Hall
President
Tamaya Chemical Corporation
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Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Dear Ms. Hall:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation and in response to your recent letter dated July 20, 1994, regarding the DOT classification of iodine.

Under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180), a shipper is responsible for properly classifying, packaging, marking, and labeling a hazardous materials for transportation in commerce. The shipper's determination of the hazard class of a material is based on the chemical and physical hazards of a material when compared to the defining criteria for hazardous materials (see section 173.22). Except for explosives which are classed by the Department, it is not necessary for a shipper to confirm its classification of a hazardous material with the Department.

Based on the information available to the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, iodine, solid (99.5% pure) does not meet definition of a poison (see section 173.132) or other hazard class criteria and is not subject to the HMR. Enclosed you will find copies of the sections mentioned. I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,


Patricia Klinger

Enclosures