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Ref. No. 00-0050

Dear Mr. Grey:

This is in response to your letter of February 4, 2000 concerning mounting an MC 306 cargo tank onto a new chassis under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180). Specifically you asked if an MC 306 AL cargo tank mounted onto a new chassis, certified by a Design Certifying Engineer, with changes in the bolster mounts to comply with newer MC 306 AL tanks could continue to be registered as an MC 306 AL cargo tank.

The answer is yes. A cargo tank mounted onto a new chassis is not considered a new cargo tank, thus could be continued to be an MC 306 AL cargo tank if all applicable regulations are followed in § 180.413.

I hope this satisfies your request.

Sincerely,

Delmer F. Billings  
Chief, Standards Development  
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Mr. Edward T. Mazzullo  
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Dear Sir:

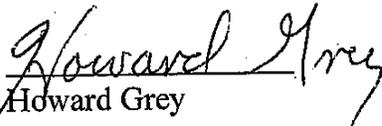
We have a customer that has a Fruehauf MC 306 AL truck tank. The truck tank was manufactured with four bolster mounts. He has requested that the number four bolster be removed and the tank be mounted on a new chassis using the front 3 bolsters.

These bolsters are to be reinforced as needed to accept the additional loads and the mounting is to be certified by a Design Certifying Engineer. This change would make the tank comply with the newer MC 306 Al tanks. No welding or changes are to be made to the barrel, valves or equipment. May this tank continue to be registered as an MC 306 AL truck tank

Your earliest reply would be appreciated as a new truck chassis is available to accept this mounting.

Sincerely,

Paramount Tank, Inc.

  
Howard Grey