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Dear Mr. Bradley:

This letter is in response to your September 17, 2024, email requesting clarification of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) applicable to hazardous material placards. Specifically, you ask whether it is permitted to print or produce your own hazardous material placards instead of purchasing placards from a company provided the placards adhere to the requirements found in § 172.519.

The answer is yes, as there is no requirement to acquire placards from a vendor or company. Therefore, it is permitted to print or produce your own placards provided the placards meet the placard specification requirements found in § 172.519.

I hope this information is helpful. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dirk Der Kinderen".

Dirk Der Kinderen  
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Hi Alice,

Please see the attached interpretation request.

Let me know if you need anything,

-Breanna

-----Original Message-----

From: Bradley, Patrick L CIV USARMY JMC (USA) <patrick.l.bradley.civ@army.mil>  
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Good Afternoon,

I am requesting a letter of interpretation on the 49 CFR in regards to printing hazardous placards. Can we print/produce our own hazardous placards instead of buying them from a company as long as the placards follow the requirements laid out in 49 CFR 172.519?

Thanks

V/R

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