

Manufacturer/Symbol or Reconditioner

Summary

PHMSA's Approvals and Permits Division issues registration numbers referred to as an "M-Number", to companies that manufacture or recondition packaging related to hazardous materials. This registration number will only be used for identification purposes. The M-Number may be used in place of the manufacturer or reconditioner's name and address, as authorized under provisions of Part 178.503 of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR parts 171 – 180).

A Manufacturer is define as the person whose name and address or symbol appears as part of the specification markings for packaging marked with the symbol of an approval agency, or the person on whose behalf the approval agency certifies the packaging (49 CFR part 178.2(e)).

In previous years, PHMSA issued reconditioner, known as "R" numbers to companies that reconditioned packages related to hazardous materials. PHMSA no longer issues "R" numbers. PHMSA now issues M-Numbers in place of R-Numbers for companies that are a reconditioner of packagings relating to hazardous materials.