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Dear Mr. Howell:

This is in response to your letter dated January 10, 2001, concerning hazardous material shipping paper requirements under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180). Your questions are paraphrased and answered as follows:

- Q1. May a "#" sign be used as a unit of measure to indicate weight on a shipping paper (i.e., pounds)?
- A1. Yes. Section 172.202(a)(5) does not prohibit the use of a "#" sign as a unit of measurement.
- Q2. May a shipping paper contain more than one emergency response telephone number?
- A2. Yes. However, when more than one emergency response telephone number is entered on a shipping paper, each must meet the requirements under § 172.604(a) and (b). In addition, an emergency response telephone number that is specific to a particular shipping description must be clearly identified as such.

I hope this satisfies your request.

Sincerely,



John A. Gale

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Mr. Edward Mazullo
Director Of Hazardous Material Standards
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Dear Mr. Mazullo:

I am writing on behalf of Overnite Transportation Company, Richmond, Virginia requesting an interpretation in writing on two issues.

The first issue is the use of the pound sign (#) on a bill of lading as a proper unit of measure, (see attached bill) in lieu of (LBS).

The second issue is the use of more than one telephone number on the bill of lading, (see attached bills).

These two issues have become a real problem area to our billing department, when transferring information to revenue delivery bills, especially the emergency response telephone number or (numbers).

I appreciate your time and interest in this matter and await your reply. I can be contacted at 864-489-1173 if I can be of further help.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Garry Howell".

Garry Howell
Environmental Supervisor