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Ref. No. 01-0029

Dear Capt. Bugg:

This is in response to your letter dated January 25, 2001, requesting clarification on the Class 3 label specifications in the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180). Specifically, you inquired whether a sample you provided of the Flammable Liquid label, as printed on a corrugated box, is in conformance with the color tolerances of the HMR.

The color of your Class 3 label does not satisfy the requirements of §§ 172.407 and 172.419 of the HMR. Specifically, the symbol, text, numbers and border of the Class 3 label is required to be black or white. "White" as defined by the American College Dictionary is an achromatic color of maximum lightness; as new snow.

I hope this satisfies your request.

Sincerely,

John A. Gale  
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Dear Sir:

The enclosed box was referred to us by Transport Canada. As you can see, the hazard label is printed directly onto the corrugated cardboard box.

Does the "Flammable Liquid" label, as printed on the box, satisfy the color requirements of 49 CFR § 172.407? Please provide a written response, and, if possible, return the box sample to us when you have completed your analysis.

Sincerely,

**GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Capt. Bruce Bugg  
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