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Ref. No. 01-0105

Dear Mr. Freeman:

This is in response to your letter dated April 23, 2001, concerning modification of the shipper's certification on shipping papers under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180). Specifically, you asked whether the words "and requirements of FedEx Ground" may be added to the end of the certification statement specified in § 172.204(a)(1).

The answer is no. The certification statement specified in § 172.204(a)(1) must be written as specified and may not be modified. Thus, it is unacceptable to include additional wording in association with the certification language stated in 172.204(a)(1). The HMR, however, do not preclude an additional, separate statement on the shipping paper indicating that the lading is also shipped in accordance with FedEx Ground requirements.

I hope this satisfies your request.

Sincerely,

Edward T. Mazzullo  
Director, Office of Hazardous  
Materials Standards



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172.204(a)(1)



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§172.204(a)(1)  
Shipper's Certification  
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I am writing to you on behalf of FedEx Ground Package System Inc., to get clarification on the Hazardous Material Regulations. My question pertains to the shipper's certification statement required by 49CFR Part §172.204. The FedEx Ground hazardous material certification forms and shipping papers, used by our customers, conform to all the requirements of 49CFR Part 172 Subpart C. Is it acceptable to add the words "and requirements of FedEx Ground" to the end of the certification statement specified in §172.204(a)(1)?

I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 412-262-7351.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry W. Freeman".

Jerry W. Freeman, TSM Manager  
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