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Mr. Anthony Galang  
President  
Nuckly Packaging Company, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Galang:

This is in response to your June 25, 2001 letter asking if the emergency response phone number for export shipments must be monitored for the time the material is in transportation, including lay-overs in foreign countries. Additionally, you ask if the emergency response phone number must be monitored for vessel shipments originating in the U.S. but outside of the 12-mile international border.

The answer to both questions is yes. A U.S. shipper must monitor the emergency response phone number the entire time a shipment is in transportation (until it reaches its destination as designated on the shipping paper) in accordance with § 172.604. This requirement applies to both air and vessel shipments.

I hope this satisfies your request.

Sincerely,

Edward Mazzullo  
Director, Office of Hazardous  
Materials Standards



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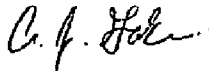
Eric  
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 By Fax:  
 202-366-3012

Dear Eric:

When an international hazmat flight makes a stop in a foreign country before continuing to the final destination, is 24-hour monitoring of the phone number provided still a requirement? For example, if we air freight a hazmat to Israel that has a layover in Madrid, is 24-hour monitoring required between Madrid and Israel?

For hazmat shipments on ocean vessels, is 24-hour monitoring required? If so, is it required outside the 12-mile international border?

Sincerely,



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 President

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