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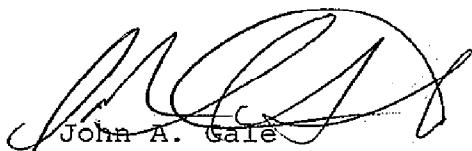
Dear Captain Rogers:

This is in response to your June 11, 2002 letter regarding the dangerous cargo manifest requirements. Specifically, you ask if the required signature specified in § 176.30(b) of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) must be that of the individual or the company name for whom the individual represents.

The signature specified in § 176.30(b) must be that of the individual who certifies that the information on the dangerous cargo manifest is accurate. The name of the company will not satisfy the signature requirement of § 176.30(b).

I hope this satisfies your request.

Sincerely,



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Definition / Vessel

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U.S. Dept. of Transportation
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Office of Hazardous Materials Standards
Mr. Edward Mazzullo, Director

Re.: Letter of Interpretation / Opinion

Dear Mr. Mazzullo,

I write to you requesting clarity of the below described section of the HMR, Title 49 CFR, Parts 100-185. In particular, section §176.30 of Part 176, for Carriage by Vessel. Our question is specific to the signature requirement contained in §176.30(b), which state in the second sentence "The person who supervises the preparation of the manifest, list, or stowage plan shall ensure that the . . . to the best of his knowledge and belief by his signature and notation of the date prepared."

The question arises where "the person" identified in §176.30(b) for the required signature by the preparer of the Dangerous Cargo Manifest, can this be interpreted to mean "person" as defined in §171.8; or, does this requirement specify an "individual" as referenced in §172.204(d)(1), or other similar requirement?

Thanking you in advance for any clarity you may provide us on this issue, and as always,

Best regards,

Capt. Sam Rogers
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cc. Mr. Manny Pfersich, USCG