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Ref. No. 03-0227

Dear Mr. Stephens:

This responds to your letter dated September 8, 2003, regarding whether the color "red" on a FLAMMABLE LIQUID label is acceptable under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180).

Currently, color charts conforming to Appendix A of Part 172 of the HMR must be used to determine the proper color on hazard warning labels and placards. The color "red" on the enclosed FLAMMABLE LIQUID label is not acceptable because it does not fall within the color tolerances prescribed on the color tolerance charts specified in § 172.407(d)(4).

Color charts conforming to Appendix A of Part 172 are on display in the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards, Room 8422, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. You may also order these charts from a commercial source, Hale Color Charts, Inc., 3709 Ocean View Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90066; or you may call them at 310-737-9658 or FAX requests to 310-737-9668.

I hope this satisfies your inquiry. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed please find a sample of a Flammable label we use to ship Resin Solution, UN1866. A recent inspection from FAA questioned the color of our label. Please examine the enclosed label and determine if the shade of RED is acceptable for shipping dangerous goods (within the USA) requiring flammable liquid labeling. You may reply via mail, email [Felix.Stephens@ohka.com](mailto:Felix.Stephens@ohka.com), or by fax. Thank you for your kind assistance.

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