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Mr. Chris Ingram
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Ref. No. 03-0234

Dear Mr. Ingram:

This responds to your letter regarding training under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180). Specifically, you ask how your company may train one of your packaging designers to become "certified" to test UN Standard packagings.

The training requirements for hazmat employees, to include those who certify UN Standard packagings as meeting the requirements of the HMR, are found in § 172.704. Hazmat employee training must include: (1) general awareness/familiarization training; (2) function-specific training; (3) safety training; (4) security awareness training; and, if applicable, (5) in-depth security training. A hazmat employee who tests packagings as qualified for use in the transportation of hazardous materials, and who does not perform any other function subject to the HMR, is excepted from the safety training requirements of § 172.704(a)(3).

It is the responsibility of a hazmat employer to certify that a hazmat employee is trained and tested as required by the HMR. The training of a hazmat employee may be accomplished in a number of different ways. The Department does not, however, provide this training nor does it endorse any private, public, or commercial enterprise that does. We suggest that you visit our Internet Website at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/training.htm> as a starting point for more information about the training requirements of the HMR.



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I trust this satisfies your inquiry. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hattie L. Mitchell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Hattie L. Mitchell
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Spokane Packaging

A Division of Seattle Packaging

Date: 9-19-03

To: D.O.T. FAX

From: Chris

Re: U.N. Testing

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Message: How can we Spokane Packaging train one of our designers to become certified to test U.N. Packaging?

Please respond to:

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