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Ref. No. 99-0226

Dear Mr. Tormos:

This is in response to your letter requesting a written authorization for the use of sift-proof closed vehicle with a tarpaulin cover. I regret the delay in responding and hope it has not caused any inconvenience.

As provided in § 173.240(c), non-DOT specification sift-proof closed bulk bins may be used to ship a class 9 solid material. It is our opinion that if the bulk bins are sift-proof and closed by covering with a tarpaulin, the requirements in § 173.240(c) are met.

I hope this information is helpful. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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**SUBJECT : USE OF SIFT-PROOF, CLOSED VEHICLE WITH A TARPAULIN COVER**

Dear Sir:

As per our telephone conversation today, August 11, 1999, we are formally requesting a written authorization for the use of sift-proof, closed vehicle with a tarpaulin cover which meets the regulatory requirement of 49 CFR 173 to transport hazardous material contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB).

We currently offer our services to a customer who is requesting this written authorization. Recently you sent us some correspondence where this authorization is stated, but the information is illegible and so is the D.O.T. stamp.

We will greatly appreciate your help in this matter.

Cordially,

Edgardo Termos  
Vice President

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