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Dear Mr. Jolley:

This is in response to your July 18, 2001, letter requesting clarification of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180). Specifically you ask if the Dangerous Cargo Manifest required by § 176.30 may be signed by typewriter or other mechanical means as is authorized for shipping papers under § 172.204(d).

The answer is yes. Consistent with shipping paper requirements, a Dangerous Cargo Manifest may be signed by typewriter or other mechanical means.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

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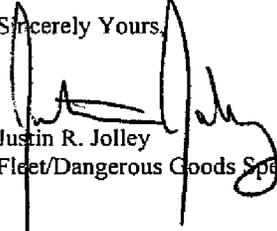
Dear Sir:

NYK Line (North America) would like to receive your written interpretation concerning the means by which the Preparer's signature and Master's signature must appear upon the Dangerous Cargo Manifest under the provisions of 49 CFR 176.30. We clearly understand that under 176.30(b) the person who supervises the preparation of the manifest shall certify to its accuracy by their signature. Further, 176.30(c) states that the carrier and its agent shall insure that the master, or licensed deck officer designated by the master, must acknowledge the correctness of the dangerous cargo manifest by their signature as well. The signatures hereby required under 176.30(b) and (c) are not in question, but the means by which they must be applied deserves further clarification.

Part 172.204(d) states that the shipping paper must be legibly signed manually, by typewriter, or by other mechanical means. Based upon this precedence, we assume that the same interpretation may be extended to the Dangerous Cargo Manifest signatures' even though not explicitly stated as such under 176.30.

Please confirm that our assumptions are correct in this regard. Your prompt reply is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,

  
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Dangerous Cargo  
Manifest Signatures

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