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Dear Mr. Murray:

This is in response to your January 14, 2003, letter requesting clarification of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) applicable to bulk and non-bulk packaging. Specifically, you request the definition of bulk and non-bulk packagings used for the shipment of short-chain chlorinated paraffins (C10 - C13), a marine pollutant, via all modes of transportation.

As defined in § 171.8, a bulk packaging means a packaging, other than a vessel or a barge, including a transport vehicle or freight container, in which hazardous materials are loaded with no intermediate form of containment and which has: a maximum capacity greater than 450 L (119 gallons) as a receptacle for a liquid; a maximum net mass greater than 400 kg (882 pounds) and a maximum capacity greater than 450 L (119 gallons) as a receptacle for a solid; or a water capacity greater than 454 kg (1000 pounds) as a receptacle for a gas. A non-bulk packaging means a packaging which has: a maximum capacity of 450 L (119 gallons) or less as a receptacle for a liquid; a maximum net mass of 400 kg (882 pounds) or less and a maximum capacity of 450 L (119 gallons) or less as a receptacle for a solid; or a water capacity of 454 kg (1000 pounds) or less as a receptacle for a gas.

As required in § 172.322, a packaging containing a marine-pollutant must have the "Marine Pollutant" mark placed on each bulk and non-bulk packaging when transported by vessel. For transportation by highway, rail, or air, the "Marine Pollutant" mark is required on each bulk packaging that contains a marine pollutant, and each vehicle or freight container that contains a package that requires the "Marine Pollutant" mark. However, as provided in § 172.322(d)(3), except when transported by vessel, the "Marine Pollutant" mark is not required on a bulk packaging, freight container or transport vehicle that is already labeled or placarded in accordance with Subpart E or F, respectively, of Part 172 of the HMR. In addition, as provided in § 171.4(c), except when transported by vessel, the requirements of this subchapter specific to marine pollutants do not apply to non-bulk packagings transported by motor vehicles, rail cars or aircraft.

I hope this information is helpful. If we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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171.8, 172.322