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Mr. Donald W. Vierimaa
Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association
1020 Princess Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2247

Dear Mr. Vierimaa:

This acknowledges the receipt of your letter dated March 25, 1999, requesting an amendment of 178.345-8(d) to clarify the requirements for distribution of loads on a cargo tank motor vehicle rear-end protection.

Your letter has been accepted as a petition for rulemaking under 49 CFR 106.31 and assigned petition number P-1378. If you should write or call us regarding this petition, please make reference to this petition number.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Karim
Senior Transportation Regulations Specialist
Office of Hazardous Materials Standards