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Mr. David Core
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Steel Shipping Container Institute
1101 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Core:

This acknowledges the receipt of your letter dated May 20, 1997, requesting an amendment of the design elements prescribed in 49 CFR 178.601(g)(8) that constitute a different drum design type for which full design qualification testing is required.

Your letter has been accepted as a petition for rulemaking under 49 CFR 106.31 and assigned number, P-1337. If you should write to us regarding this petition, please make reference to this petition number.

Sincerely,

Hattie L. Mitchell
Chief, Exemption and Regulations Termination
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