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Dear Mr. Bierlein:

This acknowledges the receipt of your April 20, 2004 letter submitted on behalf of the Reusable Industrial Packaging Association (RIPA). RIPA requests an amendment of 49 CFR 173.28(c) to authorize the reconditioning of non-bulk UN standard plastic drums of §180.350(c) to require that for the routine maintenance of Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBC) that the country, and name or authorized symbol of the person performing a routine maintenance be durably marked on the IBC .

Your request has been assigned the number, P-1437. This number is for tracking purposes only. Your request has not been assessed for merit. If accepted under 49 CFR 106.95 as a petition for rulemaking, it will be considered for a future rulemaking action.

If you write or call us regarding this request, please make refer to this number.

Sincerely,

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Office of Hazardous Materials Standards

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