

January 31, 2014

Lara Mehr Currie Administrator COSHTA 7803 Hill House CT Fairfax Station, VA 22039-2043

Dear Ms. Currie:

This letter is in response to your letter dated September 17, 2013, requesting to extend the use of ORM-D marking to December 31, 2020, which will align with the Department of Transportation (DOT). In addition, you have requested our office to revise the text in Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) 601.10.1d, Consumer Commodity to read "consumer commodities intended for air transportation may only include articles or substances that meet the definition of consumer commodities in hazard class 2 (non-toxic aerosols only), class 3 (packing group II and III only), Division 6.1 (packaging group III) only and UN 3077, UN3082, UN3175, provided they do not have subsidiary risk and are authorized aboard passenger aircraft. This request is to align with the *Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM) definition of consumer commodities reclassified as ORM-D.

We agree that extending the ORM-D marking for surface transportation to December 31, 2020 would be beneficial to mailers. Consequently, we will update the DMM accordingly as soon as possible and during the interim period I am approving your exception request effective immediately.

Regarding your request revise DMM 601.10.1d since the aforementioned text does not meet postal guidelines as set forth in the Hazardous Regulation Manual I can only agree to modify this standard to stipulate: consumer commodities intended for air transport may only include articles or substances that meet the definition of consumer commodities in hazard class 2 (non-toxic aerosols only), class 3 (Packaging group II and II only), Division 6.1 (packaging group III) only and UN3077, UN3082 provided they do not have subsidiary risk and are authorized aboard passenger aircraft."

Thank you for your interest in this matter. Please contact Joan A. Hall of my staff at 202-268-6010 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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