

Transportation/Hazardous Materials: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Addressing Interpretive Letter Regarding Placarding Requirements



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The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”) addressed in a December 30, 2024, Interpretive Letter, the application of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (“HMR”) applicable to hazardous material placards. See Reference No. 24-0087.

PHMSA was responding to a request from HQ-Joint Munitions Command (“HQ”) from Rock Island, Illinois.

HQ asked whether it is permitted to print or produce its own hazardous material placards instead of purchasing placards from a company provided the placards adhere to the requirements found in § 172.519.

PHMSA responds in the affirmative, stating that there is no requirement to acquire placards from a vendor or company. As a result, HQ is permitted to print or produce its own placards provided the placards meet the placard specification requirements found in § 172.519.

A copy of the December 30, 2024, Interpretive Letter can be found [here](#).