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Dear [Redacted]:

This is in response to your April 18, 1992 letter and your telephone conversation with a member of my staff requesting authorization from this office to refill your foreign scuba tank. You also requested a conversion of the working pressure of the cylinder from kg/cm^2 to psi.

This Department's Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) do not prohibit a non-DOT specification cylinder from being refilled and transported, provided the charged cylinder is not offered for transportation in interstate commerce. The HMR are not applicable to use of, recharging, or transportation of scuba cylinders by private individuals for personal use. However, whether or not a refiller will fill a cylinder is a matter within his own discretion and over which this Department has no control.

You should also be aware that a State may have adopted the HMR in total or in part, thereby making the cylinder regulations therein enforceable by State or local agencies. The classes of persons subject to State regulations may vary from the classes of persons subject to the Federal regulations.

With regard to the conversion, you state your cylinder has a working pressure of 200 kg/cm^2 . The corresponding pressure is 2,845 psi.

I hope this satisfies your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Hattie L. Mitchell

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