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Gentlemen:

The AAR Damage Prevention and Freight Committee has approved Cordstrap BV's CC-105 polyester cord strapping for use in approved loading and securement methods for closed cars in which the use of polyester cord strapping is specified. This approval does not include open top loading applications.

As noted in my letter of June 12, 1997, it will be necessary for Cordstrap BV to comply with the strap marking requirements of AAR Circular 42-1, "General Rules Covering the Loading of Carload Shipments of Commodities in Closed Cars," which states:

"Markings shall consist of the letters AAR, the Manufacturer's or distributor's name, or abbreviated name, or registered trademark, or symbol, or AAR code consisting of two digits. Markings shall be in characters not less than 1/8" high for steel die imprint and not less than 1/4" high for paint, ink surface printing or embossing, spaced at not more than 5 foot intervals."

Please advise us of the strap identification Cordstrap BV wishes to use. This information is required in order for us to publish the approval.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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