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Mr. Lyall Johnson
Licensing Division
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C.

Subject: SHIPPING CONTAINERS

Dear Mr. Johnson:

It has come to our attention within the last two weeks that a shipping container has been approved by your Division which permits approximately 14" spacing between safe batch sizes. As you recall, our birdcages are all designed on a 24" spacing principle which we know is adequately safe.

It becomes imperative, however, at this time, that we obtain a definitive statement from the Division of Licensing and Regulation regarding the minimum distance that will be permitted between safe batch sizes so that our birdcages can be designed with a minimum of weight and space. We are requesting, therefore, that you bring this to the attention of both the Transportation and the Hazard Evaluation Groups. We urge that a minimum spacing, which will be approved, be established at the earliest possible date so that we and the rest of the industry can have uniform shipping procedures. It should also be possible to use this spacing as a basis for establishing a uniform package for the entire industry, which, if you recall, is our primary goal in cooperation with the Bureau of Explosives and the ICC.

Very truly yours,

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