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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email of 14 December 2016 requesting clarification of Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 2016/1842.

The aim of this provision is to ensure appropriate control of the goods placed under customs warehousing or inward processing. Under these customs procedures, preparations are limited to packaging or repackaging and labelling. No other actions are therefore allowed.

A situation of simple storage activity, where no preparation is carried out under customs warehousing, is also covered by Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 in the sense that the consignment should be subject to the measures referred in Article 13(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008.

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your email of 14 December 2016 and on the understanding that in the event of a dispute involving Union law it is, under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, ultimately for the European Court of Justice to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable Union law.

Yours faithfully,

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