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Mr. Dennis Pruitt
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Dear Mr. Pruitt:

This is in response to your phone request for assistance regarding the securing of loads of lumber on trucks as they move from your loading area to your scales prior to departing your yard.

After my visit to your facility and a review of OAR 437-002-1910.265, our Technical Manager and Enforcement manager reviewed my observations and your concerns.

OAR 437-002-1910.265(c)(28), "Loads shall be built and secured to assure stability in transit." The key words are "and secured" which clearly requires that the load be tied down in accordance with other provisions of the code which describe the proper methods. Also at issue was the definition of the words, "in transit." OR-OSHA would include the trip between your **loading area** and scales as within the meaning of "in transit."

In summary, you need to take measures to assure that drivers are moving to your tiedown area and are in fact securing their loads before they make the trip to the scales.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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6/22/04 this interpretation was updated to reflect the appropriate rule numbers.