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Dear Mr. Bachelder:

This is in response to your email dated March 24, 2008, to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). You wanted to know if your customers are required to have a Federal Explosives license or permit in order to purchase igniters.

Federal explosives laws prohibit a licensee or permittee from knowingly distributing explosive materials to any person who is not a licensee or permittee. *See*, 18 U.S.C. § 842(b). Explosive materials are defined by Federal law to include explosives, blasting agents, and detonators. Further, the definition of "explosives" at 18 U.S.C. § 841(d) expressly includes igniters. Therefore, Federal law prohibits you from distributing igniters to any person who is not a Federal explosives licensee or permittee.

We trust that the foregoing has been responsive to your inquiry. Please feel free to contact the Explosives Industry Programs Branch at 202-648-7120 if you need further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Gary L. Bangs
Chief, Explosives Industry
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