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## Open Top Containers and Flat Racks

### Background

The Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner (the “OBCCTC”) has received queries regarding the definition of “container” in the Container Trucking Regulation (the “Regulation”). Specifically, industry has questioned whether open top containers and flat racks are considered containers for the purpose of the Regulation.

### Interpretation

A container is defined in the Regulation as:

“a metal box furnished or approved by an ocean carrier for the marine transportation of goods”

Consistent with the view of Acting Commissioner Bell, the OBCCTC is of the view that open top containers and flat racks fall outside the definition of container in the Regulation.

Sincerely,

**OFFICE OF THE BC CONTAINER TRUCKING COMMISSIONER**



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BC Container Trucking Commissioner