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RE: Storage Warehouse License Required where Goods are Received on behalf of Consumer

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I write in response to your inquiry whether you must obtain a storage warehouse license from the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs ("the Department") in order to operate a business in which you will transport goods of a third party to a "self-storage" warehouse that you own. The short answer is yes.

You posed a transaction involving two contracts. Under the first contract, a moving company that you own would deliver a consumer's household goods to a self-storage warehouse that you own. Under the second contract, you would provide labor to the consumer to move the goods from the truck to the self-storage warehouse that you own.

Pursuant to Section 20-475 (a) of the New York City Administrative Code, a storage warehouse is, "a building or structure, or any part thereof, in which a consumer's household goods are received for storage for compensation, except warehouses in which such goods are stored by or on behalf of a merchant for resale or other use in the course of the merchant's business." The scenario you have described would require that the entity receiving the goods have a storage warehouse license from the Department, because the warehouse is receiving goods on behalf of the consumer.

Sincerely,

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