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April 15, 2015

Hannah Scheffer  
Zarges Inc.  
1440 Center Park Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28217

Dear Ms. Scheffer:

This letter is in reference to the product you recently submitted for evaluation under the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee's (IGBC) bear-resistant products testing and certification program. The product submitted was the Zarges K470 Model 40810 aluminum case.

The case was subjected to the IGBC live-bear testing protocol and successfully passed the test. This means the Zarges K470 meets minimum IGBC bear-resistant design and structural standards, but is not a guarantee that a bear cannot gain entry into the product. Specific product dimensions, details and an assigned IGBC certification number follow:

- Model Name/Number: Zarges K470, model # 40810
- Height: 7.1"; Length: 23.6"; Width/Depth: 15.7"
- Capacity/Volume: 29L
- Weight: 9.3 lbs.
- 1 mm thick aluminum case
- Spring latch with padlock on each latch
- **IGBC Certification Number 5001**

Your case was tested on April 2, 2015. At that time, the Zarges K470 passed the IGBC testing protocol. The IGBC recognizes this and approves the above listed model as an IGBC-certified bear-resistant container. The certification number applies only to the specific product model listed above. The official IGBC bear-resistant products list will be updated to include this certification number.

To identify these cases as IGBC-approved, please label each K470 case clearly on the outside with this certification number (e.g., "IGBC Certification Number 5001"). The method of displaying this number is up to you, but some potential options could include a waterproof sticker or a metal plate, or it can be written in permanent ink. The certification number can also be etched or stamped into metal or molded right into the plastic of coolers, panniers, or other molded products.

Although some public land managers require use of IGBC-certified containers to comply with regulations within their jurisdiction, this certification does not imply that such products have been approved for use on ALL public lands. Specific public land managers should be consulted to confirm if IGBC-approved products can be used to meet local requirements.

## Bear-Resistant Products Testing and Certification Program

If you choose to modify the K470 aluminum case in the future such that it differs from the prototype tested (as described on the Product Submission Form dated March 12, 2015), please contact me to discuss if additional testing will be required. If product failures in the field are noted, the IGBC will review the situation and determine if certification will be maintained.

I have also attached the IGBC bear-resistant products testing and certification program logo for your use as needed in marketing your product.

Information relative to the IGBC testing and certification program, including the approved products list, can be viewed at [www.IGBCOnline.org](http://www.IGBCOnline.org).

I appreciate your cooperation with this program. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. I can be reached at (406) 329-3664 or at [sjackson03@fs.fed.us](mailto:sjackson03@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,



Scott Jackson  
US Forest Service  
National Carnivore Program Leader